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## Atherton's talks in Israel going 'very slowly'

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (Agencies)—Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin held an unscheduled meeting Wednesday night with U.S. Mideast mediator Alfred Atherton after the latter spent the day meeting with Israeli legal advisors on issues blocking a Mideast peace treaty.

The prime minister's office said Atherton had requested the meeting with Begin and the request was granted. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was also present at the session. Dayan and Atherton lunched together earlier in the day.

Atherton had not been scheduled to meet Begin before leaving this weekend for Egypt. Before the Wednesday evening meeting American sources said the Israeli-U.S. talks had started so slowly that Atherton's travel plans to Cairo had not been set.

The Begin-Atherton meeting came at a time of markedly low expectations for quick progress toward a peace agreement between Israel and Egypt.

Atherton and Elihu Ben-Elissar chief of Begin's bureau, led their teams in two sessions that Atherton described as "important discussions" and did not comment further to reporters.

The announced aim of Atherton's swing through Israel and Egypt is to resolve enough differences over language in the draft treaty so that ministers of the two countries can meet with confidence that they would reach a final agreement.

The Israelis are looking for new ideas from the American delegation, reported one insider who declined to say whether Atherton would satisfy this Israeli desire. "They are discussing ways of solving drafting problems, of course, and this involves an exchange of ideas that develop," said the source, who asked not to be identified. An Israeli source said, "We are starting slowly, and with low expectations... the lower we keep our expectations, the smaller will be the disappointment later."

Earlier in Egypt acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali Tuesday expressed the hope that Atherton's visit to Israel and Egypt would help get the stalled peace talks going again.

Dr. Ghali, speaking to reporters at Aswan airport said: "I sincerely hope the visit will achieve the desired objective of getting the talks moving and keep the momentum (of the peace talks)."

Asked if Atherton would meet President Anwar Sadat in Aswan, Ghali said: "I don't know, but it is possible."

As Atherton started his peace mission, the Carter administration sent a "strong protest" to Israel in response to the Tel Aviv government's decision to build new settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, an administration official said Tuesday.

U.S. officials would not comment in detail on the Israeli action for attribution, but under the ground rules that he not be identified by name, one official disclosed that the protest note had been sent.

The official said the new outposts would "not contribute to a summit conference" to resolve the obstacles to a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

The U.S. official, referring to Atherton's mission, said the Israeli action "doesn't make his job any easier."

At the State Department, spokesman Hodding Carter would say only that the administration had received conflicting reports about Israel's plans and that the U.S. position—

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CONFIDENCE BID: Iran's new Premier Dr. Shahpour Bakhtiar addressing the Majlis in a bid of confidence for his cabinet earlier in the week. —(Wirephoto)

## Andrew Young advocates 'relating' to Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 17 (Agencies)—U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, acknowledging the Palestine Liberation Organization's "tremendous influence," believes American diplomacy is hampered by lack of effective relations with Palestinians.

In a magazine interview, he stopped short of advocating U.S. recognition of the PLO, but said there should be some

way to relate to the Palestinian people.

He characterized the PLO's U.N. representatives as "very skilled politicians and very intelligent, decent human beings," who, he hoped, would win in any battle for leadership over those who favored terrorism.

A transcript of the Jan. 9 interview was issued Tuesday by the U.N. Association of the

United States, which will publish it in its magazine "The Inter-Dependent."

Calling the U.N. a place that overwhelmingly supported the underdog, Young recalled a remark made by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, a member of the General Assembly delegation, that neither the U.S. nor the Soviet Union had nearly as much influence as the PLO.

"It's easy to disagree with that," Young said. "And yet I think that the relationship that the PLO has had to the U.N. has been one of the things that has made it possible for there to be some moderating influences present in the whole Palestinian equation."

There had been a de facto recognition of the political process to liberation by those elements of the Palestinian cause that worked with the U.N., he said.

Not only had the PLO captured the imagination of the Palestinian people, but it also had tremendous influence within Kuwait (a member of the Security Council), Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon, he said.

How the U.S. should relate to the Palestinians was a matter for discussion, he said. The overwhelmingly reason for America's not having relations with the PLO was probably Israel, he added.

"I don't necessarily quarrel with that," Young said, "because I think that Israel is going to have to make the decisions about how it is going to relate to the Palestinian people. Now, it has made one attempt, through the development of a political process on the West Bank and Gaza.

"It can evaluate the success or failure of that. That may or may not be a satisfactory approach, according to the people there involved—the million and a half Palestinians essentially inside Israeli-controlled areas."

He said the frustration of the Camp David accords was being accomplished essentially by Palestinians, who felt it did not give them the kind of representation and guarantee they needed to assure their future or any concept of self-determination. "And that's what I think we're working on," he added.

## President Idi Amin ends visit

RIYADH, Jan. 17 (SPA)—Ugandan President Idi Amin left Wednesday for home after a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

He held talks with King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and other Saudi leaders on strengthening bilateral relations.

## Iran clashes resume despite Shah's exit

TEHRAN, Jan. 17 (Agencies)—Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar's 19-day-old government faced its first major crisis Wednesday as pro-Shah troops clashed with demonstrators in the oil city of Ahwaz. At least 30 persons were reported killed or wounded.

Telephone contact with the southwestern city was cut off.

Bakhtiar met top national security advisers in an effort to stop the disorders. Elsewhere in the troubled nation, widespread strikes continued as workers demanded that the Shah, who left the country Tuesday for what was officially termed a vacation, formally give up the throne.

Bakhtiar's government also faced the aftermath of the major earthquake in remote eastern Iran.

On the political front, Bakhtiar's justice minister resigned Wednesday in dissatisfaction over anti-corruption laws and one of his top political rivals quit parliament to campaign against Bakhtiar from outside the body. Nine Iranian ambassadors also resigned or were dismissed.

Most attention Wednesday was focused on Ahwaz, where often-conflicting reports told of serious clashes between soldiers loyal to the Shah and ebullient demonstrators celebrating the monarch's departure. An early unconfirmed press report spoke of several hundred casualties.

Informants said anti-Shah militants had bombed an army garrison in Ahwaz with loudspeaker messages Tuesday night, and angry troops from the garrison rushed into the streets Wednesday morning to confront leftists who had burned an army truck and attacked a statue of the Shah.

City residents reported heavy gunfire, and the Jundi-Shahpour Hospital reported before telephones were cut off 25 casualties had been brought in, some of them dead on arrival.

There were some signs, that the anti-Shah opposition was breaking apart following the monarch's exit from the country. In the capital, sources reported fist fights between Muslim and Marxist opponents of the Shah. New tensions also appeared to be developing between the Paris-based Khomeini and his Tehran ally, Dr. Karim Sanjabi head of the opposition National Front.

Front members were reportedly angry over a statement by Khomeini indicating that Sanjabi would not be a member of the "Islamic Revolutionary Council" that Khomeini wants to rule Iran in place of Bakhtiar.

A Front spokesman confirmed Wednesday that the group had sent two envoys to Khomeini "to come up with a definite result or information" about who would be on the council.

Later Wednesday Khomeini said the provisional government he is forming will begin work soon on a new constitution.

At the same time, Khomeini aide Ibrahim Yazdi denied there has been a split between Khomeini and the National Front.

Yazdi said Wednesday the decision on whether Sanjabi would participate in the new government was up to Khomeini. He added that Darius Forouhar, a leading member of the National Front, had visited Khomeini Tuesday and would see him again.

Khomeini praised his followers and called on them to

continue their strikes and demonstrations against the monarchy and the usurper government.

In Aswan, meanwhile, the Shah briefly emerged from his seclusion at his hotel Wednesday to go Nile-cruising with his host, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and receive an official invitation to visit Morocco from King Hassan.

The invitation was contained in a message from Moroccan ambassador to Egypt, Abdul Latif Laraki delivered to the Shah at a meeting at the Oberoi Hotel Wednesday morning.

A virtual news blackout was imposed on the Shah's activities, but the authoritative newspaper "Al-Ahram" said he would meet Thursday with former U.S. President Gerald Ford.

Diplomatic sources said a bilateral "summit" grouping Ford, the Shah and Sadat was possible. Ford, who arrived in Cairo Wednesday to begin a two-week Middle East tour, will fly to Aswan Thursday and stay at the same hotel with the

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## New Iranian quake claims 1,000 victims

TEHRAN, Jan. 17 (UPI)—More than one thousand persons were killed and hundreds injured when an earthquake struck a tremor-prone area of northeast Iran, newspapers said Wednesday.

Scores of children in one village at the center of the quake escaped because they were playing outside their houses.

They were virtually the only survivors of the community. Officials mounted a rescue operation in the Khorrasan area, the same region where another earthquake in September killed some 29,000 persons.

Three military C130 transport aircraft flew into the area with food and blankets.

Religious leaders, who for months had spearheaded an anti-Shah movement in the region, put aside their political activities and began sending truckloads of blankets, tents and food to the survivors in a region 480 kms south of

the province capital of Me-yad.

Officials said three villages took the brunt of the quake which struck Tuesday but the casualty toll could be higher when other isolated communities in the poverty-stricken area were contacted.

Nearly 80 persons were reported killed in one village alone. The only survivors were 120 children of the community. They escaped because they were playing in the streets when the earthquake struck and demolished the mudbrick buildings.

Scores of other persons were killed in the other two villages at the center of the tremor and initial reports said the town of Qazvin, site of another destructive earthquake in 1976, was also badly hit.

Information on casualties and damages was difficult to obtain because the country has been paralyzed by the recent anti-Shah strike and violence.

## Sadr followers release plane, clash with leftists in south

BEIRUT, Jan. 17 (Agencies)—Supporters of the missing spiritual leader of Lebanon's Shiite community have clashed with left-wing forces in the southern Lebanese town of Tyre, travelers said Wednesday.

The report came as five devout followers of the leader, Imam Musa Sadr, were formally charged with hijacking a Lebanese airliner with 73 passengers and nine crew Tuesday night.

The seven-hour air drama, during which the hijackers demanded the return of the Imam, ended early Wednesday when the group released their hostages and surrendered at Beirut airport.

The Imam, head of Lebanon's Supreme Muslim Shiite Council, disappeared last August after travelling to Libya, where the hijackers said he was still imprisoned.

Travelers said two pro-Imam students had been killed Tuesday and four wounded in Tyre after members of Amal (hope)—an organization founded by the Imam to improve the lot of Lebanon's substantial Shiite community—clashed with local left-wing forces.

A correspondent who visited Tyre Tuesday heard machine-gun fire and several loud ex-

plosions in the center of the port city.

Palestinian officials there said the clash involved Amal and members of the left-wing Popular Security Forces, an unofficial local police unit.

It was not immediately known if the clashes were connected with the hijack. Both events indicated an upsurge in Shiite militancy coinciding with the wave of anti-Shah Shiite fervor in Iran.

The hijack began Tuesday evening when the Imam's followers armed with a pistol, a grenade and a Soviet-type assault rifle, commandeered a Boeing 720, of Middle East Airlines shortly after it left Beirut for Amman, airport sources said.

They ordered the pilot to change course for Cyprus. But authorities there blacked out the runway and refused landing rights, forcing the aircraft to return to Beirut.

In six tense hours of negotiations, the hijackers demanded the return of the Imam and permission to hold a press conference.

While the hijack threw little light on the Imam's fate it revived interest in his mysterious disappearance.

The leader of the group, who was allowed to hold the press conference, attacked Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi by name and called on the world community to secure the return of the Imam.



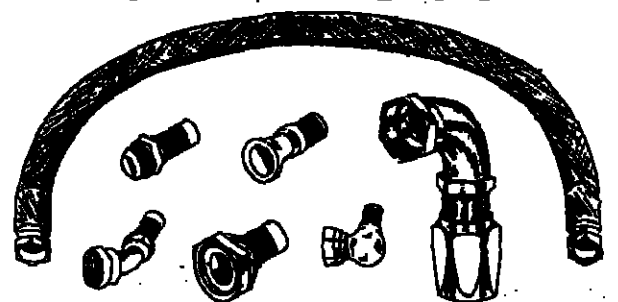
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## To set example

## Khuweir warns teachers to observe prayer times

RIYADH, Jan. 17—The Ministry of Education will take "deterrent action" against teachers and staff failing to observe prayer times, Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuweir warned Wednesday.

Ministry staff must answer the call to prayer immediately and pray collectively (Jamaa) at the prescribed times to set an example to pupils, he said.

In a memorandum circulated Wednesday to all educational zones in Saudi Arabia, the minister said that the noon prayer should be performed at the place dedicated for it at the school or at the nearest mosque. Pupils and teachers must also pray together at the right times on excursions, while camping or on other special occasions.

The directives apply to teachers, pupils while in their care and service staff, Dr.



Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuweir, Minister of Education.

"Ministry staff must devote special attention to Islamic activities," the memorandum said "to preserve purity in their pupils' religious practice, to ensure their commitment to the requirements of Islam and to allow the formation of complete personalities." The minister also launched a

scathing attack against smoking in schools and educational establishments and urged all educational staff to cooperate with the authorities in promoting the ministry's campaign against the habit by all possible means: loudspeakers in schools, and educational establishments, wall posters, films, slides, video tapes, seminars and lectures.

Smoking is outlawed on ministry premises under a ministry decree. The Health Ministry recently issued a similar order banning smoking in public hospitals.

In the memorandum, Dr. Khuweir also urged staff to take care over their behavior, to dress soberly and to drop pernicious or unconventional habits inconsistent with Saudi and Muslim practice.

Monday, Dr. Al-Khuweir discussed with West German Minister of Economic Cooperation, Rainer Offergeld the renewal of a technical cooperation treaty which is due to expire by the middle of next year.

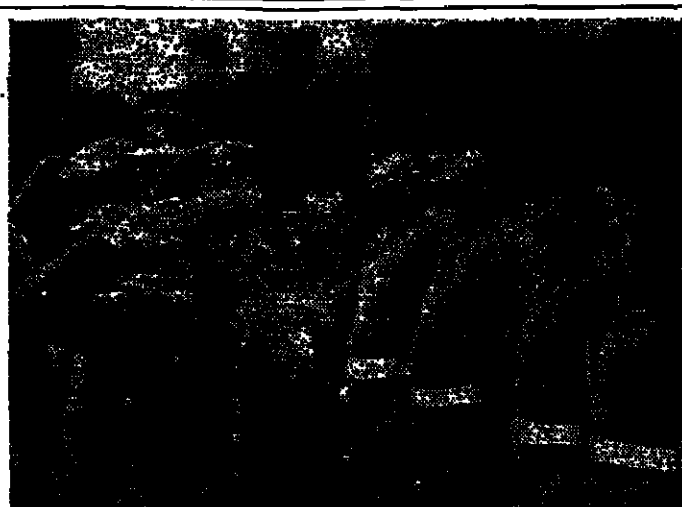
Under the treaty, West Germany provides assistance in the development of technical and vocational education in the Kingdom, through the recruitment of teachers and the training of Saudi technical staff in West Germany.

It was also announced Wednesday that Dr. Khuweir will hold talks next week with Cameroon's minister of education who is due to arrive in Jeddah Tuesday.

## Aides discuss South Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 17 (SPA)—Secretary General of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry Najib Al-Dahdah met Saudi Charge d'Affaires Abu Bakr Rafi here Wednesday.

The two officials discussed the latest developments in southern Lebanon.



HONOR GUARD: Chief of Staff Gen. Humaid inspecting a guard of honor at the Ministry of Defense in London Monday.

## Humaid watches missile display

LONDON, Jan. 17 (SPA)—Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Ohman Al-Humaid Wednesday saw a demonstration of the British Rapier ground-to-air missile at the Royal Artillery School at Larkhill in the west of England.

Humaid also met Saudi cadets studying at the school. Gen. Humaid arrived here last Sunday on a five-day official visit at the invitation of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Neil Cameron.

In Dhahran Wednesday, the Royal Saudi Air Force's Technical Studies Institute celebrated the graduation of its 16th class of pilots and technical staff for the maintenance of aircraft. The graduates included cadets from Bahrain and North Yemen.

Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi and Maj. Gen. Ali Yusuf Al-Bouri eastern area commander attended.

## Telex popular in Hail

## Khamis phones changed to seven-figure numbers

KHAMIS MUSHAIT, Jan. 17 (SPA)—The telephone network here has been completely switched over to the seven-digit system, Southern Region Telephone Director Abbas Sabli said Wednesday.

Three new telephone buildings will soon be handed over to his authority in Abha, Khamis and Najran and that work was underway to install 8,300 new lines in Abha.

The 32 lines now linking Abha to the rest of the Kingdom will be increased to 48 within a month through a satellite system, and that Abha will shortly be connected

Fahd contacts UAE

ABU DHABI, Jan. 17 (SPA)—Saudi Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Muhammad Mansour Al-Kumaili Wednesday conveyed to UAE Deputy Premier Sheikh Hamdan ibn Muhammad a verbal message from Crown Prince Fahd.

## Despite Sudanese brokerage

## Eritrea unity talks deadlocked, moderate Jeddah group claims

By Farouk Lajman  
JEDDAH, Jan. 17—A conference organized by the Sudanese government to resolve differences between the various groups fighting for the independence of Eritrea from Ethiopia is deadlocked after two weeks of fruitless talks, a spokesman here Wednesday said.

The Sudanese government convened the conference because of divisions between the main groups, the radical Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), the Eritrean Liberation Front and its leftist splinter group, the Eritrean Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), and the Popular Liberation Forces (PLF), a moderate group with a base here which was united with the mainstream ELF forces during the Eritrean offensive against the Addis Ababa government in 1977. These divisions erupted into fighting between ELF and PLF groups in western Eritrea at the end of last year.

The Sudanese government has expressed hope it can unite the various groups as a first step to negotiations with the Ethiopian government of Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam.

The PLF sources in Jeddah said, "So far nothing has been achieved although Sudanese

President Numeiri and Lt. Col. Mengistu are due to meet in Sierra Leone shortly. Yesterday, the Sudanese ambassador called on Mengistu in Addis Ababa to discuss the talks."

The PLF sources also said that the Soviet Union and other communist countries are trying to wean the ELF-RC away from the mainstream ELF to reach a compromise based on ideological affinity. The other groups reject unilateral negotiations and will only accept

talks on a basis of Eritrean unity — particularly since the Europeans are now in a superior military position in Eritrea with their capture of the last Eritrean-held urban stronghold, Keren, from the EPLF late last year.

The Soviet Union, the sources said, is attempting to drive a wedge between the groups with a view to reconciling the Ethiopian regime with the leftist elements in the Eritrean liberation movement.

## German experts to help in Jeddah city schemes

JEDDAH, Jan. 17 (SPA)—German experts will be sent to Jeddah to provide technical assistance in planning and project management under an agreement reached here Wednesday by Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi and a visiting German delegation led by Hermann Schmidt, a member of the Bundestag.

The experts will arrive here shortly for talks with the municipality to identify projects in housing, reconstruction and general development where they can be of assistance.

Meanwhile, Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul

Rahman Al-Sheikh will pay an official visit to Germany next month, the ministry said Wednesday.

He will hold talks with the German minister on technical assistance in agriculture and water prospecting in Saudi Arabia.

## Hail insurance office gives out 18,000 pensions

HAIL, Jan. 17 (SPA)—Hail's social insurance office has handled 18,456 successful applications for pensions since 1963, Moqbal Al-Matin, acting regional director of the General Organization for Social Insurance in this northern town said Wednesday.

He said that 2,735 partially disabled persons were given aid by the organization during the period and 185 emergency cases received assistance in the past two years.

Disbursement committees make tours of rural areas and bedou settlements and camps to pay out entitlements and to examine new cases, Al-Matin said.

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## Local briefs

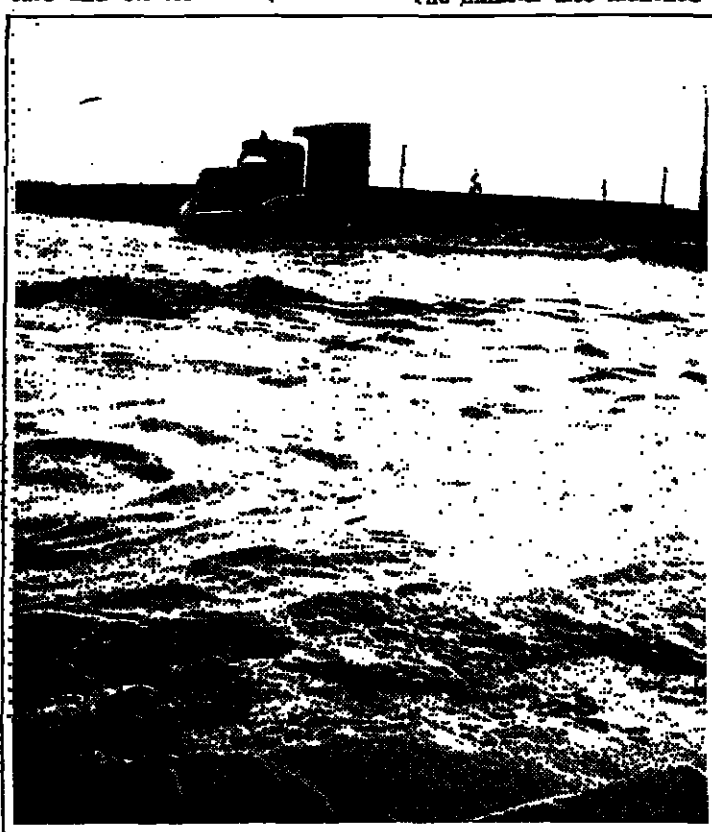
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## UNIFIL troops fire back after rightist shelling

SEBON, Lebanon, Jan. 17 (R)—French troops with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) apparently opened fire with automatic weapons at dawn Wednesday after being shelled by Israeli-backed right-wing militias in southern Lebanon.

The incident happened in the hilltop village of Yater, six kilometers north of the border, where 135 French troops are manning the southern UNIFIL garrison. French officials said the rightists fired three shells after French troops turned back one of their patrols.

The officials said there had been no French casualties but local residents said they saw one soldier injured after the shelling.

The incident came only two

days before the U.N. Security Council debates the renewal of the UNIFIL mandate. The 680-man French combat unit is due to pull out next month and U.N. officials have reported a buildup of rightists apparently anxious to enlarge their territory.

Nigerian troops Wednesday began to take over positions from Iranian forces in southern Lebanon who are due to withdraw by the end of January, residents said.

The Iranian Embassy in Beirut has denied reports that 30 of the 600 Iranian troops have defected because of opposition to the Shah.

Also Wednesday, the commander of the rightist forces near the frontier, Maj. Saad Haddad, told a press conference in the northern Israeli town of Metullah that his men would not hesitate to shoot at Lebanese soldiers sent to the area to liaise with United Nations troops.

The south Lebanese rightists have long resisted attempts by the government to send troops to the area, claiming they were collaborating with the mainly Syrian peacekeeping force in Beirut.

"The Lebanese army had better clean Beirut of the Syrians before it sends men down to our region," Haddad said.

Haddad's men last July prevented the deployment of a Lebanese Army brigade in the area he controls.



RALLY: More than 100,000 demonstrators Monday gathered around the central market mosque in Tehran. The mosque has been named "Khomeini Mosque" after exiled religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

## Turkish minister says Greece attempting to thwart aid deal

ANKARA, Jan. 17 (Agencies)—Foreign Minister Gunduz Oksun Wednesday accused Greece of trying to influence American plans to provide military aid to Turkey. Speaking at parliamentary committee hearings on the 1979 budget, the minister said "Certain new developments call for our reappraisal of policies Greece wants to follow toward Turkey."

Oksun cited a recent statement by a Greek government spokesman to the effect that any defense aid to Turkey detrimental to the balance of power in the Aegean would not be acceptable to Athens.

He pointed out that the statement followed the visit to Ankara last week by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher when plans for a \$300 million American military and economic aid pack-

age to Turkey in 1980 were revealed.

"This statement can be interpreted as an effort to influence negatively defense aid planned for Turkey and Turkey's relations with its allies," the foreign minister declared.

He said the lack of expected progress in the recent round of negotiations on the Aegean continental shelf dispute between Greece and Turkey, held

in Vienna last week, could also be viewed in this light.

According to diplomatic observers here, Turkish officials were highly disappointed with the result of the Vienna talks.

In London, meanwhile, British Prime Minister James Callaghan said Tuesday that Western aid to Turkey would not be linked to progress toward a Cyprus settlement.

## Spying bases in balance as U.S. talks to Turkey

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UPI)—With the future of American intelligence bases in Iran in doubt, the United States has begun talks with Turkey in Ankara on the future of what may become the last American listening posts on the southern Soviet border.

The loss of the bases in both Iran and Turkey would seriously jeopardize the new strategic arms limitation pact be-

ing negotiated with the Soviet Union.

The 26 military intelligence bases in Turkey and the undisclosed number of CIA listening posts in Iran verify SALT compliance by monitoring Soviet nuclear and missile tests, radio transmissions and flight patterns.

## Gerald Ford in Egypt on 4-day visit

CAIRO, Jan. 17 (R)—Former U.S. President Gerald Ford arrived in Cairo Wednesday on a four-day visit at the invitation of President Sadat.

Ford declined to speak to reporters at the airport and, accompanied by Egyptian Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, left by army helicopter for the former Royal Abdin Palace where he will stay.

## Mauritanian government reshuffled

NOUAKCHOTT, Jan. 17 (R)—Mauritania's military leader Lt. Col. Moustapha Ould Muhammad Salek, has reshuffled his government, replacing his hard-line foreign minister.

Foreign Minister Cheikhna Ould Muhammad Lakhdaf was replaced Tuesday by a former ambassador to Brussels, Ahmed Ould Abdellah. Lakhdaf became a minister of state at the presidency, the announcement said.

Mauritania is currently holding talks with the Algerian-backed Polisario Front to end a three-year-old guerrilla war in the former Spanish Sahara ceded to Morocco and Mauritania.

## Syria, Iraq to unify foreign policies

DAMASCUS, Jan. 17 (R)—Syria and Iraq have agreed to unify their foreign policies and to set up a joint bureau for national security, an official announcement said Wednesday.

It said the accords were reached during three days of talks in Damascus between the foreign and defense ministers of the two countries.

The high-powered Iraqi delegation arrived following reports by Arab diplomatic sources in Damascus that the long-time rivals were planning to merge into a single state.

Syrian officials have made no comment on the reports, but official sources said the latest accords were an important step towards unifying the two countries.

The statement Wednesday said Syrian and Iraqi ambassadors abroad would be instructed to coordinate their activities, while the new bureau would supervise security in the two states.

According to the diplomatic reports, the two countries are working towards a complete merger into a single state with one president, government and combined armed forces.

## U.S. colonel found dead in Tehran

TEHRAN, Jan. 17 (UPI)—Col. Arthur W. Fincout, chief of staff of the U.S. military mission in Iran died "accidentally" at his home Tuesday, a military spokesman said Wednesday. The spokesman said Fincout's death was "definitely not the result of foul play or terrorist activity" which had already claimed the lives of two Americans during the current violence in Iran. Nor was it suicide as had been reported, the spokesman said.

## Military jails ex-secretary of Sind

KARACHI, Jan. 17 (AP)—A summary military court Tuesday sentenced Muhammad Khan Junejo, former home secretary of the government of Sind to one year's imprisonment and fined him \$5,000. He was found guilty of committing irregularities during the regime of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

## 38 Dacca hunger strikers failing

DACCA, Jan. 17 (AP)—The condition of 38 stranded Pakistanis who have been on a hunger strike since last Friday is critical, the eastern news agency reports. The strikers demand repatriation of over 300,000 of their countrymen in Bangladesh. Over 5,000 Pakistanis have held demonstrations daily since Friday to press their demands for repatriation as agreed by Pakistan and India in 1973.

## U.K. names new envoy to Bahrain

LONDON, Jan. 17 (R)—Harold Walker, a senior career diplomat, will be Britain's new ambassador to Bahrain and will take up his post there in March, the Foreign Office announced Wednesday. A fluent Arabic speaker, Walker has previously served in Jeddah, Washington, Damascus, Cairo and Dubai.

## Bahrain heir ends Morocco visit

CASABLANCA, Jan. 17 (R)—Sheikh Hamed Ibn Issa Al-Khalifa, crown prince and defense minister of Bahrain, left the airport here after a private visit to Morocco where he had talks Tuesday night with King Hassan II in Marrakesh.

## Kuwait accepts Somalia invitation

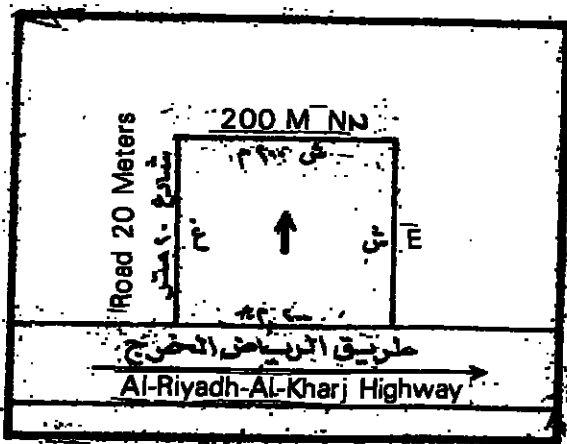
KUWAIT, Jan. 17 (R)—Kuwait has agreed to Somalia's invitation to host the next session of the Arab League Council in Mogadishu in March, officials said Wednesday. Egypt, Sudan, North Yemen, Oman and Morocco also agreed to hold the meeting at the Somali capital.

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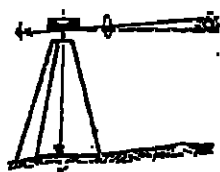
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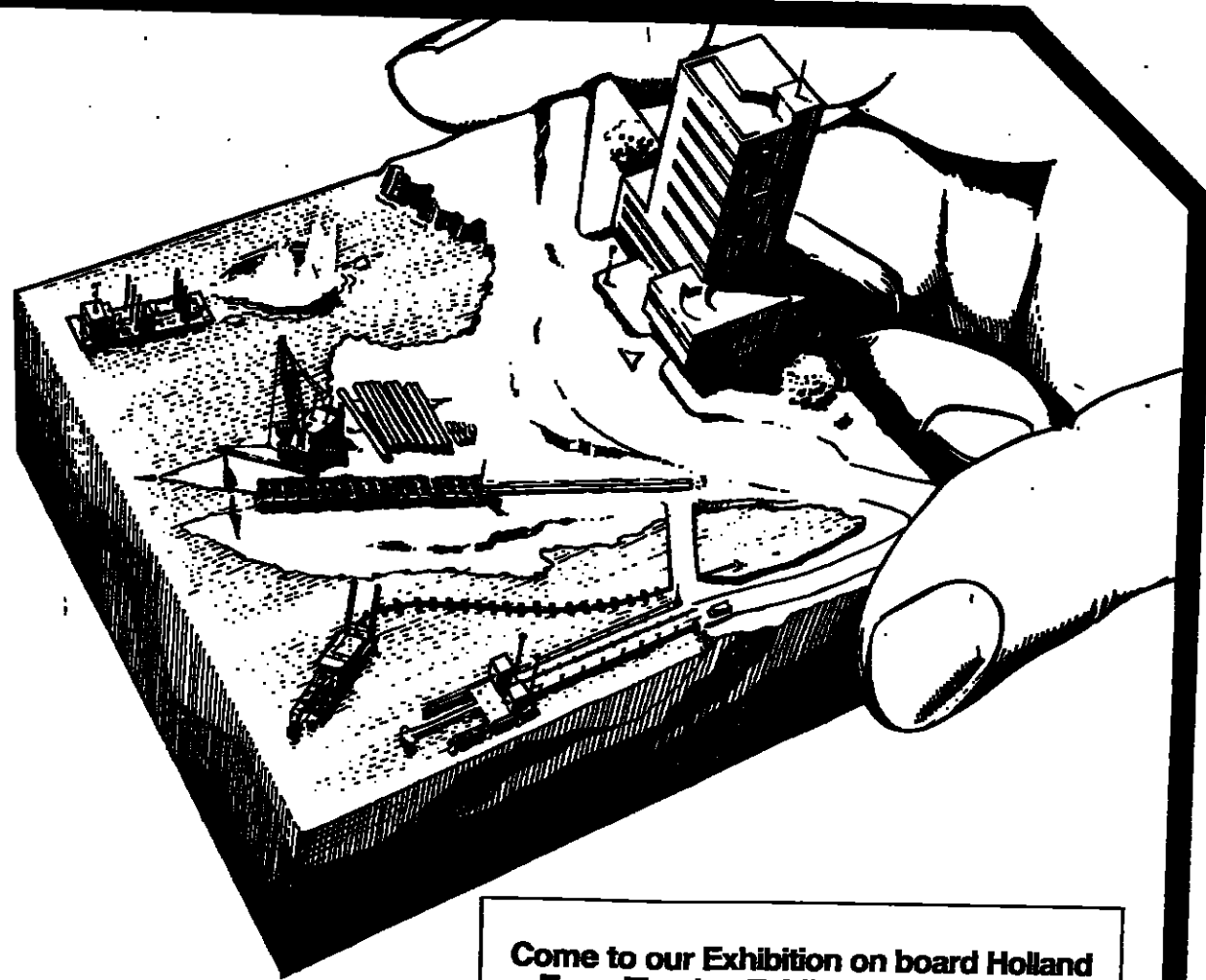
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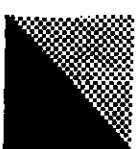


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## Limited self-government

## Greenlanders voting on home rule

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 17 (UPI) — Greenlanders end a one-generation leap from a rural economy to the nuclear age with a vote Wednesday on a home rule proposal aimed at loosening Denmark's grip on the Arctic island.

The 30,000 voters were expected to accept the autonomy formula, which gives them a greater say in domestic affairs but keeps Denmark in control of the natural resources on the

world's largest island.

Greenland was a Danish colony from 1721 until 1953, when it was incorporated into the Kingdom in 1953. Home rule will give Greenland the same status as the Faroe Islands, an Atlantic island community under the Danish crown.

The two strategically important NATO early warning bases on the island will not be affected by home rule changes.

Greenland Minister Joergen Peder Hansen, whose office will be disbanded under home rule, said he saw no hopes that Greenland — despite riches in uranium, iron, copper and chromium — would produce any profit within the next 10 years.

The northern Black Angel zinc and lead mines generate some 300 million kroner (\$60 million) profit yearly, but do not balance an annual Danish

1.2 billion kroner (240 million) grant to the island.

After elections to a Greenland assembly in May, a three-year devolution period will gradually grant Greenlanders control over taxation, the governing body, education and the welfare system.

The assembly will administer the yearly grant, financed by the Danish tax-payer.

The two main political parties — Siumut, labor, and Atassut, liberal — said only a few turnout could threaten the proposal. In the 122 townships on the island, voter turnout has ranged from 70.2 per cent in the 1977 general election to 31.1 per cent in a vote last August on lowering the voter age from 20 to 18.

The minor Inuit party, with a Marxist structure, wants total independence from Denmark, but has lost followers to vote no as "home rule" is a "capitalist ploy."

Law concerning Greenland will be referred to the assembly before they are introduced to the Danish parliament, where Greenland will keep its two seats.

Once a society of hunters and fishers, the Greenlanders are finding it difficult to mix old and new.

## Italian rightist trial defendant vanishes past 30 police guards

CATANZARO, Italy Jan. 17 (UPI) — A second top defendant in Italy's most explosive post-war neo-Fascist trial has apparently disappeared from his enforced residence in a heavily guarded apartment.

Investigators said Tuesday Giovanni Ventura had eluded the 30 officers assigned to guard him day and night. Roadblocks had been set up around this southern Italian city.

Ventura and his political associate Franco Freda, who disappeared Oct. 4 in similar circumstances, are the key rightist defendants in a now 10-year-old, three-times postponed trial for a 1969 Milan bank bombing in which 16 people died.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Italian news agency ANSA the "Communist squads" had abducted Ventura. "We have Ventura and will release him only when the Green Brigades free Freda," a woman said.

The rightist "Green Brigades" claim to be holding Freda, but police have been unable to trace the group or Freda. The mysterious disappearance

came as a wave of neo-Fascist violence smashed against Italy and threatened to topple the shaky 10-month-old government of Christian Democratic Premier Giulio Andreotti.

The radical party called for the immediate resignation of Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni.

Two persons have been killed and more than 20 injured in fighting between rival rightist and leftist factions since neo-Fascist terrorists wounded five women on a raid on a Rome

radio station Jan. 9.

Police said they went to check on Ventura in his downtown Catanzaro apartment Monday night but got not answer after repeatedly ringing the buzzer. The lights were on, as was a radio. They also found a basket bound.

The officers refused to say how long Ventura had been missing. His disappearance was almost identical to Freda's, who somehow escaped, or was abducted from, his apartment while under 24-hour watch.

## Colony too crowded

## Hong Kong tightens up on immigration

HONG KONG, Jan. 17 (AP) — Hong Kong has imposed restrictions on immigrants from China in an effort to curb the spiraling population growth which is choking the colony, but enforcement may be difficult.

The government says visitors from China who previously used one-to-six month visas to settle here will now be allowed to remain "only as long

as their travel permits are valid."

Hong Kong, with 4.7 million people on 1,045 square kilometers, much of it built over, is one of the most densely populated cities of the world and is becoming more so every day.

Hong Kong Governor Sir Murray MacLehose recently told the Legislative Council that the colony could not take

any more immigrants without impairing its economy.

The new restrictions followed a mass exodus of immigrants — legal and illegal — from China last year. At the same time, several thousand Vietnamese refugees were stranded in international waters off Hong Kong.

The government said legal immigrants from China totaled 71,520 in 1978, compared with only 26,000 in 1977. It estimated illegal immigrants at 33,000 in 1978.

Just after World War II, Hong Kong's population was 460,000 but with a massive influx of refugees from China, especially after the Communists won control of the mainland in 1949, it has grown 10 times in the past 34 years and the government has become increasingly concerned.

Hong Kong has asked London to negotiate with Peking on possible reduction of the number of immigrants. No satisfactory reply has been received, government sources said.

The colony has no natural resources to speak of and cannot provide housing, education and jobs for the growing numbers of newcomers.

Many, including some officials, believe effective enforcement of the new restrictions depends mainly on China's attitude.

MANILA: Vietnamese refugees aboard the Tung An in Manila Bay, Wednesday an old man from the ship died in hospital. Although it was not revealed what he had died of, the hospital said he had been admitted with a form of malnutrition.

## Was suffering from malnutrition

## Refugee from Tung An dies

MANILA, Jan. 17 (AP) — One of the more than 2,300 Vietnamese refugees who arrived in Manila bay aboard the Tung An cargo ship late last month has died and was cremated and buried here Wednesday, United Nations official said.

The refugee, identified as

Champhong Phat, 68, was one of several transferred to a government hospital one day after the Hong Kong-based freighter Tung An dropped anchor in the bay Dec. 27. The Jose Ryes Memorial Hospital said Phat died on Sunday.

The hospital said it was not at liberty to disclose the cause of death but confirmed the man was suffering from "hypoproteinemia," a form of malnutrition, when he was admitted Dec. 28 with four other Tung An "boat people," including a pregnant woman and an infant.

Werner Blatter, local representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, suppressed because the Philippine government, which has said news of the deaths was banned reporters from boarding the vessel, did not want any publicity. He did not say why.

Phat's death was the first among the Tung An refugees since they arrived here four days after the Panama-registered ship was turned away from the British protectorate of Brunei.

The government has refused the refugees permission to land but has allowed sick refugees like Phat to be transferred to hospitals.

The government has also been supplying the boat, which is anchored more than a kilometer offshore, with food, water and medicine.

Meanwhile, Blatter said the Swiss and French Embassies were still awaiting confirmation of airline bookings for 61 Tung An refugees their nations are accepting.

## Huey Fong refugees attempt to capsize ship

HONG KONG, Jan. 17 (AP) — About 300 young Vietnamese Wednesday tried to rock the refugee-packed freighter Huey Fong from side to side and force it to capsize, but others among the 3,100 refugees aboard kept the vessel balanced.

In a statement Wednesday night, the government denied it had been the master of the vessel an ultimatum. It said the refugees "could not expect to be further reprovoked" and "the Huey Fong should continue on its voyage to Kaohsiung without further delay."

"The long wait here and weather have caused these youths to become desperate and they tried to force themselves into the engine room. But we, the older ones, prevented them from doing it," refugee spokesman Chu Hien-ming said.

The 2,290-ton freighter was denied permission to enter Hong Kong Dec. 23 because its next official port of call was Kaohsiung in Taiwan. Since then it has been anchored off Hong Kong in international waters.

Chu said the youths tried to rock the boat "by running from one side of the ship to the other." "This lasted for three hours and finally we calmed them down," he said.

## Swam ashore in Sydney

## Defector vows suicide if returned

SYDNEY, Jan. 17 (UPI) — An 18-year-old Russian woman who wriggled to freedom through the porthole of a Soviet ship has said she will kill herself if immigration officials force her to return.

"Please let me stay," Lillian Gasinskayova pleaded in an interview with the "Daily Mirror" newspaper published Wednesday.

"I'll kill myself if they try to send me home," she said. "I don't want to go back to Russia. I hate Russia. It's not

the people, it's the system that I'm against. It's no good."

Miss Gasinskayova, clad only in a red bikini, squeezed through a porthole of the Soviet cruise ship Leonid Sobinov and dived into Sydney harbor.

A native of Odessa in the southern Soviet Union and a new member of the ship's crew, she swam nearly 40 minutes, dodging patrolling Russian crewmen with searchlights.

A university employee discovered her at midnight, bleeding

and in a daze near the Sydney wharves.

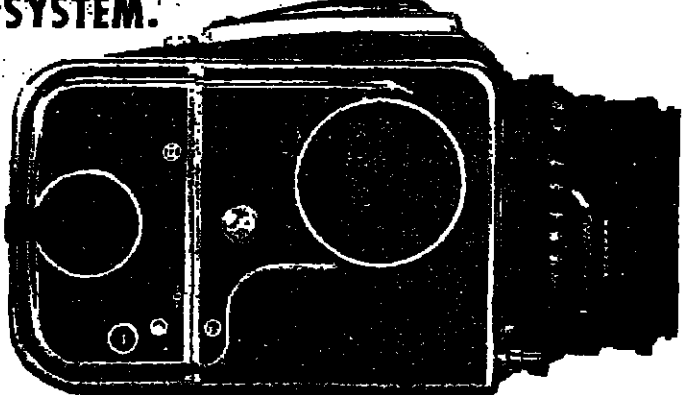
When found on the docks, she asked for clothes and explained she had jumped ship and was seeking asylum in Australia.

She apparently began to plot an escape from the Soviet Union when she was 14.

"I began to realize what Communism was all about and what it meant," she told the newspaper. "I realized it was based on lies and propaganda and I slowly began to hate it."

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## Blizzard of '79 still has grip on U.S. Midwest

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (AP) — Emergency blood supplies were airlifted to Chicago as travel remained snarled by snow in midwestern portions of the United States. Temperatures finally warmed a bit, easing energy demands.

The death toll from the weekend storm and bitter cold rose to 61. Schools remained closed and Checker Taxi Cab Co. offered \$25 to anyone willing to dig out one of more than 100 abandoned cars buried under the 30 centimeters of snow covering Chicago.

### San Franciscan arraigned for assassinations

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17 (AP) — Former supervisor Dan White faced a closed-door session Wednesday to determine if he should be bound over for trial in the deaths of Mayor George Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk.

White, 32, faces two counts of first-degree murder in the Nov. 27 shootings at City Hall.

The session was convened at the request of White's attorney who said he wanted to protect his client from prejudicial publicity. News organizations contended the public would have been better served by an open hearing.

White has been in jail for the slayings of Moscone and Milk. He might face death in the gas chamber if convicted.

### Second safest year to fly U.S. scheduled airlines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UPI) — U.S. airlines, which carried 13 per cent more passengers last year, had the second lowest fatality rate in history, while general aviation fatalities rose 18 per cent, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

In its annual air crash report, the board said 1,690 people died in general aviation accidents up from the 1,436 who died in 1977. General aviation includes non-scheduled aircraft such as pleasure craft, air taxis and air commuter services.

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Most hospitals canceled elective surgery and some were taking emergency surgical patients only if blood was available.

Thousands of travelers spent another night in hotels waiting for flights to leave Chicago, and suspended flights to and from O'Hare International Airport, where only two runways were open.

In Iowa, National Guard troops and farmers used helicopters and snowmobiles to take hay to starving cattle. Some animals were reported stuck in snow up to their necks.

Twenty-two deaths were reported in Illinois, 15 in Wisconsin, nine in Kansas, six in Missouri, four in Iowa, three in Michigan, and one each in Ohio and Nebraska.

With another storm forecast for Wednesday, many residents who managed to dig their way out of their homes rushed to buy diminishing gasoline supplies and stock up on meat, bread and milk.

Transport was moving slowly across the main highways across the midwest, but many roads were still blocked by up to three feet of snow in Iowa, Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

The blizzard was one of the worst this century in the Midwest, shutting down dozens of major cities and towns and stranding thousands of travelers. Nearly two feet of snow fell on Chicago, surpassed only once in the great blizzard of 1967.

The scheduled airlines carried more than 286 million passengers in 1978, up 13 per cent from the previous year, but had a fatality rate of 6 deaths per 100 billion passenger miles flown — the second lowest rate ever recorded. In 1970, airlines had only one death per 100 billion passenger miles.

Chairman James B. King



TEARS: Coretta Scott King has tears in her eyes as President Carter kisses her during ceremonies in Atlanta to mark the 50th anniversary of the birth of her late husband, Martin Luther King Jr. King was assassinated in Memphis in April 1968. Tuesday a United Nations delegation flew to Atlanta to pay tribute to his memory.

### Young assails S. Africa

## U.N. honors Martin Luther King

ATLANTA, Jan. 17 (AP) — Envoys of 43 foreign nations paid tribute Tuesday to Martin Luther King Jr. in a program which U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young said was meant to "build a fire" under President Carter's efforts against apartheid in South Africa.

The representatives attended a meeting of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid. The meeting was part of a six-day observance of King's birthday.

The slain civil rights leader would have been 50 on Monday.

"We are working with you for an end of apartheid in South Africa and anywhere else in the world that it might occur," Young told the group. Later he said the meeting was designed "as a foundation for the United States efforts against apartheid... to build a fire under President Carter to work strongly against the South African system."

Carter received the Martin Luther King Non-Violent Peace Prize last Sunday during ceremonies at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King served as co-pastor.

"The African and other Third World people will never forget Martin Luther King Jr. He is recognized by the freedom fighters in Africa as their spiritual leader," said Abdul Meguid, the Egyptian U.N. representative.

"Now that Dr. King's dream has become a reality in his own country, let us pray that it will come true in Soweto... and all of South Africa," Meguid said.

A black South African ac-

claimed the committee of supporting economic sanctions that he said have been useless because of the power of multinational corporations.

"We black people of South Africa want to say to the world, we are tired of being used as pawns — pawns in the big power game of the world," said the Rev. Gabriel Setelane of the African National Congress of South Africa.

Prime Minister Olo Ullsten of Sweden said he hopes whites in South Africa will

one day understand Dr. King's "message of love." "We hope and pray that the white minority of South Africa will finally understand the message of love that Martin Luther King so desperately tried to make his compatriots understand and accept," Ullsten said.

"The system of apartheid dooms human beings, just because of the color of their skin, to life-long degradation and humiliation," Ullsten said.

### Military buildup in Europe

## Haig warns again on Soviets

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 17 (UPI) — Gen. Alexander Haig Jr., who recently resigned as commander of NATO forces in Europe, has warned that the international balance of power is threatened by the Soviet Union's massive military capabilities.

In his first major public speech, Haig Tuesday criticized what he called the Soviets' "illegal" intervention in Africa and the rest of the Third World.

The former Nixon White House chief of staff, whose resignation does not take effect until June, addressed the Yale Political Union, a 1,000-member organization.

Haig said NATO countries must honor their commitment to increase defense spending 3 percent annually over the next six years.

He voiced "cautious" optimism about NATO's rejuvenation and said it would be a "tragic setback" if any nation failed to meet its obligation.

Building on the Soviet's massive military buildup was a product of 15 years of annual 4-5 per cent increases in defense expenditures.

Russian armed forces now "match or exceed" those of the Western powers, and NATO countries face an uphill battle to overcome a profound quantitative disparity in forces, he warned.

## Convicted Hanoi spy to appeal in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP) — A Vietnamese man said Tuesday he is appealing his conviction for espionage, on grounds that confidential diplomatic cables he allegedly sent to Vietnamese agents contained no U.S. defense secrets.

David Truong said that he filed an appeal Monday night asking the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals to overturn his conviction and sentence of 15 years in prison.

Truong and Ronald Louis Humphrey, a U.S. Information Agency employee, were convicted last year of giving a dozen State Department cables and airgrams to the new Vietnamese government.

Truong denied the charges contending he turned the cables over as news leaks to Vietnamese journalists in Paris in an effort to promote renewal of U.S.-Vietnam diplomatic relations.

In his appeal, Truong said this is the first time U.S. officials have ever defined confidential U.S. diplomatic reports as national defense secrets and argued nothing in the cables he sent to Paris involved U.S. weapons or defense plans.

The Soviets answer the "plaintive calls" of Third World countries with large volumes of modern military equipment, he said.

### 'Danny the Red' beaten near site of 1968 riots

PARIS, Jan. 17 (AP) — Daniel Cohn-Bendit, the fiery leader of the May 1968 student uprising who recently returned to France after 10 years, was beaten up outside a Paris restaurant by a group of youths, friends reported Tuesday.

Cohn-Bendit, whose flaming red hair and leftist politics won him the nickname of "Danny the Red" during the riots against the government of President Charles de Gaulle, was given permission to return to France in December.

## Occidental, Libya settle quarrel

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 (AP) — Occidental Petroleum Corp. says Libya's Secretariat of Petroleum and its National Oil Company have accepted its proposal to settle a long-standing contract dispute. The pact, eliminates the 'fair remuneration' clause which assured Occidental of fair payment for its concessions in Libya, and assured the Libyan government that Occidental owes it no less than \$272 million for royalties, taxes and other items.

### 33 die in Argentina bus collision

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 17 (R) — Two buses collided head-on south of Buenos Aires Tuesday killing 33 persons and injuring 53, police said. The crash occurred on the highway linking Buenos Aires with the Atlantic coast resort of Mar del Plata to the south. It is a road notorious for traffic accidents.

### Guyana to probe mass murder

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Jan. 17 (AP) — The Guyanese government has said it soon will open a public inquiry into the "entire Jonestown tragedy." A cabinet spokesman said Tuesday President Ashur Chung will appoint the commission that will be headed by a person with a judicial background.

### Argentina ties pullout to mediation

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 17 (R) — Argentina will start pulling troops back from the Chilean frontier after the Pope agrees to mediate in a territorial dispute which almost caused war last month, military sources said Tuesday night.

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## The food of the pharaohs

By Clare Kent

JEDDAH — "Taffadalu," said the Bedouin beckoning us into his tent to share his meal. We had merely stopped to ask the way in the desert north of Taif, but such is the tradition of hospitality in the Middle East that he was prepared to feed our large party as well as his own enormous family.

This traditional hospitality can be found all over the Middle East, and many of the dishes cooked are the same or very similar, in every country, whether served in tent, hut, house or palace. However, each country also has its own variations and specialties.

Some of the dishes which are still eaten by Egyptians today can be traced back to the time of the pharaohs. A good example of this is "Melokhia," a peasant soup, the making of which are believed to be portrayed in pharaonic tomb paintings. The soup is made from the deep green melokhia leaves which are grown in the summer by the peasants and dried for winter use. The soup is made with meat stock by those who can afford it, but the very poor use vegetable stock. The melokhia leaves give the soup a glutinous texture.

"Bamia" or okra, made into a stew with meat, is another ancient dish still eaten today. The "national" dish of Egypt — "Ful Medames" — also probably dates from pharaonic times.

Bamia and meat stew

- 2 lb. okra (bamia or ladies fingers)
- 2 lg. onions
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 oz. butter or 3 tbsp. oil
- 2 lb. stewing beef, lamb or veal, cubed
- 1 lb. ripe tomatoes sliced
- 1-2 tbsp. tomato concentrate
- Salt and black pepper
- Juice of one lemon
- 1 tsp. ground coriander

Wash the okra and cut off the stems. Fry the chopped onions and whole garlic cloves in butter or oil until both are golden. Add the cubed meat and brown all over. Then add the prepared okra and fry gently for a little while longer. Add the tomatoes, continue to cook for a few more minutes, and cover with water in which you have diluted the tomato concentrate. Season with salt and pepper, and stir well. Bring to the boil and simmer over low heat for 1½ hours or more, until the meat and vegetables are very tender and the rich sauce is reduced, adding a little more water if necessary. Taste and adjust seasoning.

The juice of a lemon may be added to the sauce, and a teaspoon of ground coriander can be fried with the garlic and onion before adding the meat, for those who like its distinctive taste.

Ful Medames

- 2 lb. Egyptian brown beans (soaked overnight)
- 2-4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 6 hamine eggs (hard-boiled eggs)
- Finely chopped parsley
- Olive oil
- Quartered lemons
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Boil the soaked beans in fresh water in a large saucepan until tender. This may take up to six hours (or you could use a pressure cooker, which will reduce the time considerably). When the beans are soft, drain them and add crushed garlic to taste. Serve in a bowl with hard-boiled hamine eggs and sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve olive oil, lemon and black pepper for dressing the beans. To eat, mash up the eggs in the beans and season to taste with dressing. Scoop up with pieces of flat Arab bread.

Beid Hamine

Put the eggs and skins from several onions in a very large saucepan. Fill the pan with water, cover and simmer very gently over the lowest possible heat for at least six hours. This long cooking process produces eggs with beige-colored whites and delicious creamy yolks.

Fetique

- 1 lg. roasting chicken
- 1 calf's foot
- 6 eggs in their shells
- 1 lb. husked whole wheat kernels, soaked overnight

### Examining herbal medicines

By Thomas Land  
GENEVA—Health specialists from all over the world have come together in a global

project to establish a list of reliable, inexpensive and widely available herbal drugs.

The project could well be criticized by the champions of Western classical medicine. But a spokesman for the United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO) explains here that the scheme offers a potential solution for many urgent public health problems in the developing countries which would be otherwise beyond their economic means.

Coincidentally, many American, European and Japanese drug companies, whose products are much too expensive for the developing countries, are also engaged in a search through the jungles of Asia, Africa and Latin America for medically active plants which can save them time, trouble and money otherwise spent on conventional research.

As one specialist put it: "The (American) Indians have found many of the drugs that we use today, such as cocaine, quinine, mesquite and curare. How many more medicinal plants might there be which could be of value to man, especially in the treatment of mental illness, an area about which we still know so little? We suspect that there are many new drugs to be discovered which could act on the nervous system."

"And these indigenous resources could constitute the basis on which the development programs of many countries could be founded."

Professor Michael Attiso of Togo, the chief pharmacist of the Montpellier Regional Hospital in France, recently launched the WHO project here at a specialist conference about the best ways of approaching the list of acceptable herbal medicines.

Many specialists agree that several crude drugs can be extracted from medicinal plants without highly sophisticated, expensive equipment. They are used effectively in the treatment of certain diarrhoeal diseases, a considerable health problem in many developing countries. Other diseases, such as benign hypertension and certain forms of diabetes, also respond to treatment by medicinal plants (OFNS)

1-2 tsp. turmeric  
2-3 tbsp. oil

## BOOKSHELF

By Leslie Hanscom

NEW YORK — Reading the poetry of Rod McKuen is an experience that for some of us, offers about the same thrill as eating duck feathers with a spoon. But that is a minority viewpoint. His books of love-poem mooning in verse are reported to have sold 16 million copies. McKuen claims to be the world's most popular poet, and the world being what it is, who doubts it?

His appeal to the young is so magnetic that he has been called "the teeny-bopper's Edgar Guest."

McKuen came to prominence in the 1960s when the pop mode in verse and song was to yowl about the ills of society. The author of "Listen to the Warm," however, made calf love and the loneliness of being misunderstood his themes. This caused the generation that was roughly a dozen years past toilet training to regard him as the Homer, Dante and Shakespeare of their time.

Best of all, you could imitate his art whether or not you knew the alphabet. McKuen not only composed verse but set it to music and sang it on records in a voice that suggested terminal cancer.

During one year of his heyday, McKuen on records is supposed to have outsold Sinatra.

Now it is the '70s, and McKuen is 45 years old. He is not the phenomenon he was, but neither is he out of business. He has a new book of verse out called "Coming Close to Earth" (Simon and Schuster, \$6.95), which will not doubt bring in many a dollar earned by baby-sitting.

One striking feature of the book is the poet's biography that appears at the end. In the ordinary book, this standard description of the author and his accomplishments is wrapped up in a paragraph. In this one, it runs to four pages.

It is the portrait of a colossus. McKuen's poetry, we learn, is "taught and studied in schools, colleges, universities and seminaries."

His third symphony, commissioned by the Menninger Foundation, parent of the nation's most illustrious laughing academy, was premiered three years ago in Topeka, Kansas. His philanthropies and causes include a foundation for animals and efforts on the soapbox for women's rights. There is much, much more in the testimonial.

Salt and black pepper

Wash the chicken. Scrape the calf's foot and blanch it in boiling water to clean it. Scrub the egg shells well.

Put all the ingredients in a large saucepan and cover with about two pints of water. Bring to the boil and simmer gently for 3-4 hours, or until the chicken is practically falling apart, the calf's foot and the wheat well cooked.

Remove the eggs, shell them and return them to the pan. Cook for a further ten minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning.

Amardine cream

This pudding is traditionally made in Egypt during Ramadan. Put about one pound of amardine (sheets of dried, compressed apricots) in a bowl and cover with about 1½ pts. water. Let the sheets soak for several hours, then bring to the boil in the same water and simmer until they are very soft and have practically dissolved. Add sugar to taste if you wish and cook gently until the mixture thickens into a rich cream. Stir occasionally with a wooden spoon and take care not to let the cream burn. Add a few halved, blanched almonds, mix well and pour into a serving bowl. Serve chilled with whipped cream. This cream can also be made with ordinary dried apricots.

men's lib parade in Australia.

Critics, in their blindness and envy, make light of McKuen's contribution to contemporary culture, but they haven't damaged his prosperity. His home base in California is a 28-room mansion. The size of this layout shouldn't be interpreted as ostentation, McKuen said, because all the rooms are used. For example, seven of them are libraries. As a reader of two books a day, he needs shelf space.

McKuen is now a bachelor and, he said, he is encouraging his son, who is 20 and lives in France, to be the same — at least for the time being.

Coming from the world's favorite poet of love, isn't that a little cynical? "As for that 'Poet of Love' business," McKuen said, "I don't know how I ever got that rap. If you look at my work, you'll find out that there's a lot of political and social awareness in it. Go back to a book like 'Listen to the Warm,' and you'll see I was saying things like, 'Let us not let our hair grow so long that we can't see through it.'"

And true enough — that's not only poetry, it makes you think. —(Newsday).

## OASIS

By Shirley Chase  
JEDDAH — Welcome to Oasis.

This column will give you information on all aspects of gardening in Saudi Arabia. What will grow in poor soil, hot sun, on balconies, dark places inside, about simple hanging plants, creative planting outside, whether its worth the expense to have a garden, transplanting wild plants from the desert, and just plain general tips on how to have green growth in your environment.

Do I water my plants with distilled water? A common question asked here. Is it possible to grow herbs? Why garden anyway? Is it worth your time and trouble to start yourself in the heat if the factors aren't perfect for growth? Is the result worth the labor with the expense?

Living plants supply color and warmth to your surroundings, soften the starkness of bare walls. The mystery of watching a living thing grow is a dimension in itself. It gives a little extra zest to life to wake up in the morning, relax, and have the pleasure to see how your plants are doing. Outside, once the plants are well established, the air is cooler, it improves the soil and prevents wind and water erosion.

Philodendron is the most common house plant in Saudi Arabia. For a prime cutting, choose strong, healthy stems with top growth, cut at an angle the third node down or further. Strip leaves from bottom nodes where new roots will grow.

If you are making many cuttings from a long section, cut just above each node leaving one leaf.

Philodendron grows well permanently in water, and need not be put in soil. After two weeks or so the cutting will produce roots, and then is the time to put it in soil if you want it in a pot. Do not over-water philodendron in soil — a common fault. Feel the soil daily to see if it is dry; if so, water, but do not water if the soil is moist. Place the plant in indirect lighting, when it starts to climb put a textured stick behind it. When left in water without support the plant hangs; it climbs in soil with support.

I water my philodendron with tap water and it's growing fine, but if you want to give it extra-tender loving care and have a super plant, use distilled water. Club soda that has gone flat is good for watering plants. The chemicals that remain add vigor and color to your greenery.

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# Indochina's massive exodus from Communism

By George McArthur  
BANGKOK. — Two rusty coastal freighters wallow at anchor off Hong Kong and Manila, their decks filled with Vietnamese refugees caught in a limbo between a country they do not want and a world that will not take them.

There are 5,000 refugees — mostly ethnic Chinese — aboard the two ships and more than 200,000 Indochinese of various nationalities in refugee camps in Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines. International refugee officials here predict as many as 1 million more will follow them in flight from communist-ruled Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos over the next five years.

Pragmatic estimates foresee an additional tide of 200,000 people this year, most seeking final asylum in a Western world where few doors remain open to them.

Escaping overland from Laos and Cambodia but mostly by sea from Vietnam, they will find the way stations to freedom already incredibly overcrowded or downright hostile.

Faced with an influx of refugees twice as great as the total that will be accepted by third countries, officials of governments around the southeastern edge of Asia — Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Philippines and elsewhere — are finding reasons for excluding them.

The cause for their apprehension is apparent in the alarming growth of the camps. The refugee camp at Nong Hai in northeast Thailand has

become an outwardly permanent city of 35,000 with wood frames and thatch buildings, neat but dusty streets and unending soccer games among boys with nothing to do. It has a poor but bearable subsistence economy built on U.N. relief, black-market trading, barber shops, prostitution and whatever free enterprise activities the refugees can find. Some have endured the uncertain hiatus for as long as three years.

At the other extreme, the tiny, storm-swept island of Pulau Bidong, 8 kilometers off the Malaysian coast, has become a compact slum and cesspool. Uninhabited a year ago, it is now jammed with almost 30,000 refugees, many sleeping in the open, none a any kind of adequate shelter, and all totally dependent on U.N. relief supplies.

To provide those supplies throughout the region, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees directly allocated \$30 million in 1978, and additionally appealed for emergency funds from various governments. On the matter of final relocation of the refugees, however, the member nations of the U.N. have failed to resolve the problem.

At a meeting in Geneva last month, U.S. Undersecretary of State David Newsom declared: "The international community — and not just a few nations — must respond."

A refugee official on the scene here, however, characterized the final results of the meeting "an empty farce."

"The international community really hasn't done anything," he said. "When you talk of refugees you are talking of the big four — France, the United States, Canada and Australia — the rest amount to only a few thousand."

At present rates, the United States is accepting 51,875 annually, France about 12,000, Australia 1,000 and Canada 5,000.

West Germany, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Austria and Britain take only a few hundred annually. Only a handful have gone to Latin America. Asia takes virtually none for permanent settlement. Japan, for example, has accepted only five according to records in Bangkok.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees reports that 600,000 Indochinese have been recorded as refugees from the communist-ruled countries since 1975, but these figures are considered conservative. They only include those recorded and receiving U.N. help, and do not include, for instance, an estimated 30,000 to 50,000 Laotians who crossed the border into Thailand and simply melted into the Thai population. Refugees such as those still aboard ship also are not counted until their status is accepted by some government.

In theory, all the Southeast Asian states are now turning away the so-called "Boat People," those Vietnamese who make the dangerous escape by sea, but the small and easily guarded city-state of



FLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES: Malaysians help a Vietnamese woman to shore.

Singapore — with an adequate and efficient naval patrol force — is the only country to make it work.

Although both Thailand and Malaysia have naval patrols out with orders to turn away the refugees, smaller boats get through almost daily. Distant Indonesia has a similar policy but cannot effectively control its waters. Larger vessels headed toward Manila are often intercepted, but smaller boats often land on isolated islands.

Eventually these people usually end up in the U.N.-financed camps, but sometimes the wait is long and tragic. One small boat was beached on an isolated island in the Pescadores, off Taiwan, and the survivors resorted to cannibalism before they finally were spotted and rescued.

Increasingly the nations of Southeast Asia and others have begun to put pressure on

Vietnam itself to stop the flow of refugees. Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew has virtually accused the Hanoi government of cynically encouraging the exodus, and an American diplomat who attended the Geneva meeting said the Vietnamese characterized their fleeing citizens as lazy, unproductive and virtually criminal.

Malaysian politicians have said the Vietnamese government was collecting a head tax on departing refugees. Meanwhile, the freighters Huiyong and Tung An lie off Hong Kong and Manila where their human cargo of 5,000 people have been refused permission to land. There are still several hundred people on the decrepit freighter Huiyong that earlier brought 2,500 people to the Malaysian coast, but they are to be flown to the United States beginning this week.

To get out on a ship like the Huiyong, a refugee may pay \$2,800 or more, in gold. It is reported — but without verification — that five syndicates, operated by ethnic Chinese, are now arranging such escapes.

It is still possible in Vietnam, through bribery and official collusion, to have a boat specifically built for escape.

In recent incidents that can be reasonably authenticated — such as the witnessed drowning off Kuala Trengganu of some 200 refugees — about 1,000 refugees have perished. There is a steady stream of tragic letters to refugee officials asking about missing people who are known to have left Vietnam and have simply vanished.

Perhaps half the small boats reaching Thailand or Malaysia have encountered freebooters in the Gulf of Thailand, which in three years has become the world's most lawless stretch of water. Plunder, rape and murder are common.

All this is known to the people even now planning escapes from Vietnam. An effective grapevine is working, as attested by the obvious calculation, bribery and coordination necessary for the voyages of the Hai Hong, Tung An and Huiyong.

"If you think that has any effect on these people, you don't know the problem," said a veteran American official who speaks Vietnamese and has worked with refugees for years. "They don't think about where they are going. They just want out."

Such bribery and collusion have been involved in escapes ever since the fall of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) in 1975, but with the exodus reaching awesome proportions, officials

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**Tuesday, Jan. 23**  
"An Overview of the Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO)," a talk by Mr. Abdallah Jum'ah, at the meeting of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. At the Arad Dining Hall, east wing, Dhahran, 8 p.m. Open to the general public.

In two known incidents, each involving over 300 refugees it took eight months to build such boats.

Most of the smaller vessels, however, carrying 100 people or less, seem to be purchased by small groups acting as a sort of escape cooperative.

"We did not pay for our passage, a refugee in Thailand who came out on such a craft said. "We got enough money to buy a fishing boat and we left."

Such bribery and collusion have been involved in escapes ever since the fall of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) in 1975, but with the exodus reaching awesome proportions, officials

in nearby countries have tried using this as an excuse for excluding refugees.

They contend the refugees are simply illegal entrants who paid their way out of the country. Thailand has long had a seldom enforced, of distasteful between economic refugees who are barred, and political refugees who are not.

The United States has made such a distinction. U.N. High Commissioner refugees has accepted principle in theory, nations like Thailand, Malaysia insist upon it, manages to avoid any application. — (L.A.T.)

## Ecological disaster in the Brazilian Amazon



By Larry Rohrer  
ARIOQUEMES, Brazil — From 1,500 meters, the Amazon jungle below is a giant checkerboard of brilliant green and dark gray-brown. Patches of luxuriant tropical growth alternate with swaths miles square in which all vegetation has been cleared and burned and nothing remains except ashes, tree stumps and columns of smoke curling to the sky.

"There are days when it's much, much worse than this," pilot Sidney Salles tells his passenger. "Back at the height of the dry season in August, the smoke from the forests being burned was so thick that you couldn't even see past the nose of the plane."

From one end of the Brazilian Amazon to the other, the sight is much the same. The world's largest tropical rain forest is being devastated to make way for ranches, farms, mines, roads and settlements, activities that many scientists and agronomists argue are turning the Brazilian Amazon — an area two-thirds of the size of the continental United States — into a vast wasteland.

"The destruction gets cheaper and more efficient every year," says Harry Knowles, a former U.N. ecologist who has spent 22 years in the Amazon studying forest conditions. "If deforestation continues at its

present rate, the Brazilians could very well end up creating another Sahara."

Until recently, the extent of such damage could only be guessed. But based on analysis of 32 photographs taken from a Landsat satellite, Brazil's national space research institute estimated earlier this month that as much as one-tenth of the Brazilian Amazon forest has now been razed — an area bigger than the state of Texas.

The systematic leveling of the Amazon may have only begun. The Brazilian government admitted this month that it is studying a plan to allow Brazilian and multinational timber companies to sign "risk contracts" for the large-scale harvesting of wood in 12 selected areas of the Amazon.

According to Hugo de Almeida, head of the Superintendency for the Development of the Amazon (SUDAM), approximately 100 million acres have been earmarked for potential timber exploitation. The program is being touted in some government circles as a way for Brazil to ease the burden of its soaring foreign debt, which has now reached \$40 billion.

"The forests that today supply 85 percent of the world market will be exhausted around the year 2000," said a spokesman for another govern-

ment agency, the Brazilian Institute of Forestry Development. "International demand is going to provoke a rush to the Amazon, and it is exactly through these risk contracts that we plan to regulate that rush."

Scientists argue, however, that timber felling on the scale proposed would lead almost inevitably to the creation of an Amazon desert. The same damage results, they add, from the slash-and-burn agricultural techniques used by the ranchers and peasant farmers who have flocked to the Amazon since the opening of the trans-Amazon highway this decade.

The crux of the problem is that the Amazon's appearance of eternal fertility masks one of the world's most fragile ecological systems. In the words of American scientist Betty Meggers, the Amazon is a "counterfeit paradise" — a jungle whose lushness derives not from its soil base but from the continuous recycling of nutrients through dense forest cover.

Indeed, studies have shown that most of the soil of the Amazon is thin, infertile and highly acidic in content. Recent air photo and radar surveys undertaken by the Brazilian government have indicated that only 2 percent of the Amazon is suited for agriculture.

In spite of these findings, the deforestation of the Amazon continues. Here in the remote but booming territory of Rondonia, a chunk of the western Amazon the size of West Germany, thousands and thousands of acres are being stripped of vegetation and turned into cattle ranches and cocoa plantations.

Elsewhere in the Amazon, Brazilian officials speak with enthusiasm of plans to raise rice, beans, corn and cattle and settle thousands of poor peasant families from other regions. More than 7.5 million acres have been cleared for Amazon highway projects, and the government is financing scores of mineral exploration programs.

In most areas of the Amazon, trees are destroyed by burning or are uprooted with corncobbers — giant chains 100 yards long and weighing up to

10 tons, attached on either end to tractors. And, according to Brazilian press reports, highly toxic agents are also being used to clear for cultivation.

Agent orange is a chemical defoliant widely used by U.S. military forces during the war in Vietnam. Its use in the United States is now restricted as a result of medical studies linking it

to birth defects, miscarriages, cancer, leukemia and damage.

Once cleared and subjected to intensive farming methods, the Amazon topsoil is quickly leached of valuable nutrients. Combined with widespread deforestation, this has taken place in the Amazon over the last decade, the has been the rupture of a cycle of ecological balance that has lasted for thousands of years. — (W)

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## Francis to stay with Birmingham



STAYING ON: Trevor Francis, in his England shirt, tries a shot at the Scotland goal as Am Hartford sprints in to intercept. Francis will play with Birmingham City in the club's last-ditch stand against relegation despite lucrative offers from NASL and English clubs.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan. 17 (UPI) — Trevor Francis, the English soccer international with the million-dollar price tag, will stay with Birmingham City, the bottom-ranked English First Division club, announced Tuesday.

A North American Soccer League team is reported to have offered \$2 million for the talented center-forward.

But after a four-hour meeting of the Birmingham board,

manager Jim Smith said: "Trevor Francis is not for sale. The fact is that in our situation we want all the good players we have got. We feel we have the opportunity to stay in the First Division and we need all our players to fight for our lives."

Earlier Francis, who played for Naff's Detroit Express during summer, was reported to

be considering a move to Coventry city that would cost the club 900,000 Pounds (about \$1,800,000).

Coventry was reported prepared to release Welsh captain Terry Yorath, and two other players to Birmingham and make a cash payment. Francis would play for Coventry during the English season and Detroit for the remainder of the year.

Jimmy Hill, Coventry's managing director, is also a director of the Detroit club and is keen Francis should play in both England and America.

Smith, Monday confirmed Coventry had made an offer for Francis.

Arsenal and Manchester United are among other top clubs which have indicated an interest in the 24-year-old forward.

## Tottenham ends run of gallant part-timers

LONDON, Jan. 17 (UPI) — First Division giant Tottenham Hotspur, fielding Argentine World Cup stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa, Tuesday night ended the gallant run of part-timers Altrincham with a 3-0 victory over the tiny non-League club in their English F.A. Cup third round replay.

In other third round action, Second Division Preston upset Derby 3-0, while Second Division Newcastle, six-time winner of the trophy, downed Fourth Division Torquay, 3-1.

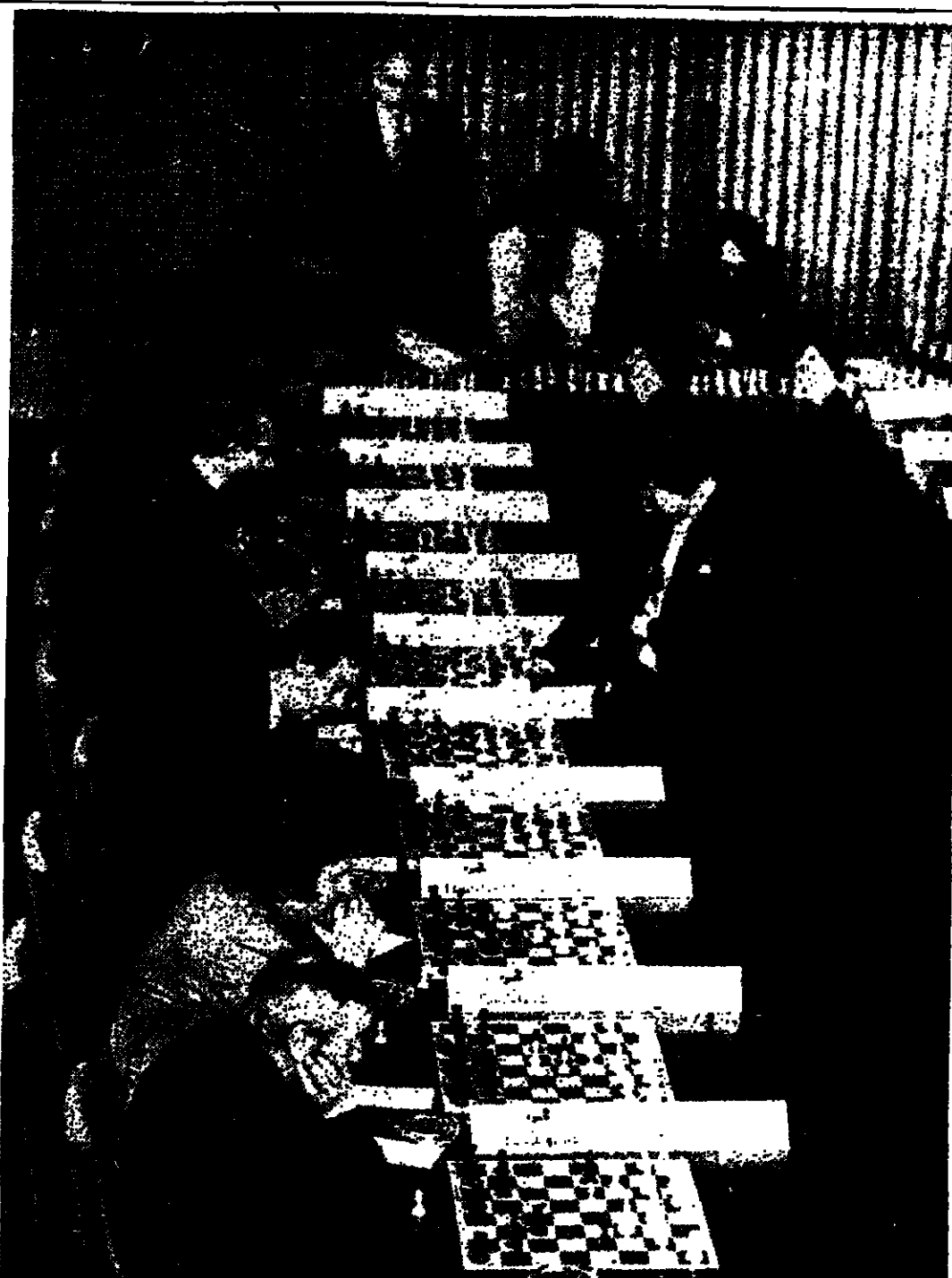
Results: F.A. Cup (third round)  
Newcastle 3 Torquay 1 (Winner home to Wolves in 4th round)  
Preston 3 Derby 0 (Winner home to Southampton)

F.A. Cup (third round replay)  
Altrincham 0 Spurs 2 (at Maine Road, Manchester) (Winner home to Wrexham or Stockport)

English League Division Two  
Luton 3 Bristol 2  
Division Three  
Swindon 4 Wakefield 1  
Division Four  
Hull City vs. Scunthorpe — postponed

Grimsby 7 Darlington 2  
Port Vale 1 Doncaster 3  
Rochdale vs. Wigan — postponed

Scottish Cup (Second Round)  
E. Fife 2 Brechin 1 (Winner home to Forfar or Berwick R.)  
Meadowbank 2 Stenhousemuir 1 (Winner home to E. Stirling or Spartans)



MARATHON: Britain's leading young chess player, 12-year-old Nigel Short of Manchester, taking on the massed opposition of 23 players at Salter's Hall in the City of London recently. After playing for four hours and 20 minutes, Short had lost only one game—though he did say his feet ached.

### Awaiting conditions

## Korchnoi bids to fix Fischer game

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (AP) — Viktor Korchnoi, who lost the world chess championship tournament last year, said he sent an invitation Tuesday to former world champion Bobby Fischer to play a four-game match for an informal "world professional chess championship."

"It would be a great honor for me. I am always ready to play Robert Fischer," Korchnoi said. "I consider him a

genius in world chess history."

Last year Korchnoi was defeated for the world title by Anatoly Karpov, the young Soviet ace who earlier gained the championship by default because Fischer refused to play under the match rules then in force.

Korchnoi, self-exiled from the Soviet Union, is critical of the Soviet chess world and claimed that Russian secrets aimed to hypnotize him during the marathon championship in Manila and otherwise break his concentration.

A cable was sent to Fischer in Pasadena, California, Tuesday offering him the match and saying, "We are waiting for your conditions," Korchnoi said.

"I had negotiations with Fischer in 1977 in Pasadena," Korchnoi said. "We talked for more than five hours, and in principle he agreed to play with me."

Korchnoi conceded that it would be difficult to arrange a match because "there are always conditions that Fischer puts up" but he emphasized his interest in playing Fischer.

There was no mention of a cash purse, but Korchnoi has



KORCHNOI: Great honor

a rich backer in his host for a 10-day visit to Israel, parliament member Samuel Flato-Sharon.

Flato-Sharon said he would like to have the match held in Israel, with games played in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Haifa and BeerSheva.

Fischer is of Jewish descent.

## Connors advances in \$175,000 indoor event

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, Jan. 17 (AP) — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors made quick work of Charlie Owens in Tuesday night's first-round match in the \$175,000 Birmingham International indoor tennis tournament.

Connors defeated Owens, 2, 6-4.

The Nastase and Zeljko Zivkovic were to play in the 1/2 final match.

Second-seeded Guillermo Las of Argentina downed his arch-rival, Romania's Ion Tiriac, 6-4, earlier in the second round of first-round matches.

In other matches, Brian Gottfried defeated fellow American Fred McNeil, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4. Eddie Dibbs of the United States beat John Alexander of Australia, 7-5, 6-4 of Telacher of the United



FOOTSORE: A court doctor examines Jimmy Connors foot after he complained of pain from a blister during his match against John McEnroe at the Grand Prix Masters this week. Connors withdrew from that match — at two sets down — but was back to form at Birmingham, Alabama Tuesday night.

States dropped Vijay Amritraj of India 6-1, 6-3.

Dick Stockton defeated fellow American Brian Teacher, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Stockton was a finalist in the most recent year, losing to Bjorn Borg.

The Duke of the U.S. beat Tom Okker of the Netherlands, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

Stove hosted

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 17 (AP) — California's Betty Ann Stove took advantage of erratic serving by fourth-seeded Setty Stove of Holland Tuesday for a 6-3, 6-3 upset victory in a first round match of the \$100,000 women's pro tennis tournament at the Astrodome.

Fifth-seeded Dianne Fromholtz, also from California, served the high top spin shots of New Jersey's Caroline Stoll for a 7-5, 6-3 victory in another first round match.

Second-seeded Virginia Wade of England, trailing 5-1 in the first set, rallied for a 7-5, 6-1 victory over unseeded Barbara Jordan of Wisconsin. Wade escaped two set points in the seventh game of the opening set before winning service to start her comeback.

Stove, who has lost in the first or second rounds of the previous two women's pro tournaments this year, double-faulted 10 times in her match against unseeded Stoll including three times in the final game of the first set.

Stove took a 3-1 lead when she broke Stoll with a love game in the fourth game of the opening set but from that point Stove's serve deserted her. Stoll broke Stove three straight times to win the first set.

After they exchanged breaks

in the first two games of the second set, Stoll took control of the match by holding in the third game and breaking Stove with a love game in the fourth game.

Fromholtz, who reached the semifinals in last week's tournament at Oakland, California, finally took the first set by breaking Stoll in the 12th game when Stoll came to net behind a lob and then could not handle Fromholtz's return.

111-110

## Knicks overtake Pistons with final-seconds steal

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (AP) — "It breaks my heart," said Detroit coach Dick Vitale. "I shed some tears tonight."

Vitale had just watched his Pistons blow an 18-point, third-quarter lead — and a six-point advantage in the final 1:48 — and lose to the New York Knicks, 111-110, Tuesday night on a steal and stuff shot by Toby Knight with two seconds to play.

Detroit's loss was its 10th in a row on the road. It was the 17th game of the season the Pistons have lost in the last two minutes.

Philadelphia at Chicago was postponed because of snow. In the two other National Basketball Association games played Tuesday:

Nuggets 104, Jazz 100  
David Thompson scored 24 points and backcourtmate Charlie Scott had 21 as Denver won its sixth in a row. The Nuggets led all the way, although New Orleans pulled to

within two points in the fourth quarter before Spencer Haywood, who had 19 of his 25 points in the second half, fouled out with three minutes left.

Pete Maravich, who missed the last four games because of a sore knee, led the Jazz with 29 points.

King 86, Cavaliers 79

Scott Wedman led a balanced attack with 14 points as Kansas City posted its sixth victory in seven games to remain three games ahead of second-place Denver in the Midwest Division.

It was Cleveland's third straight loss and its lowest point total of the season. Coach Bill Fitch called it "a strange game — a lousy, jousy offensive ball-game on our part."

## NZ regional XI weathers savage Pakistan bowling

PALMERSTON NORTH, New Zealand, Jan. 17 (R) — Central Districts survived a late barrage by Pakistan's bowlers to remain with all their second innings wickets intact at the end of the second day of their three-day match against the tourists here Wednesday.

At the close of play Pakistan, 60 runs ahead on first innings, had allowed the home side only nine runs for no wicket in its second innings.

Both opening batsmen, Robert Anderson and Peter Verbeek, were in trouble against Imran Khan and Sarfraz Nawaz, and Anderson was dropped, but both hung on until the close.

Central Districts, 107 for six overnight, finally declared at 172 for eight, then Pakistan did 60 runs better for the loss of six wickets before declaring. Opener Mudassar Nazar raced to a 68 including 11 fours in 138 minutes. Fellow-opener Tahaat Ali made 45, and Asif Iqbal hit 40 including three boundaries in one over off Brendon Bracewell.

## Comeback golfer honored

NORWALK, Connecticut, Jan. 17 (AP) — John Mahaffey, who battled back from more than a year of physical and personal crises to win the PGA Championship and the World Cup title last season, has been named winner of the 1978 Comeback of the Year award by "Golf Digest."

The 30-year-old Mahaffey, also the winner of Sunday's Bob Hope desert classic, had suffered through five winless years and a disastrous 1977 season before making his stirring comeback last season, when he earned \$153,520 to finish 12th on the money-winning list.



John Mahaffey men's amateur player in the United States, and ranked City Sherk, 28, of Canada, as the No. 1 woman amateur of 1978.

Clampett, a sophomore at Brigham Young University, is the youngest player to gain the top ranking in the 20-year history of the magazine's annual listing of men amateurs.

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USA	1.9080-1.9090	STG	1.9945-1.9950
Canada	2.3090-2.3110	BFR CON	29.10-29.13
France	8.4900-8.4910	CHF	83.14-83.16
Belgium	2.82-2.82.18	FFR	3.3550-3.3580
Germany	1675.00-1676.00	LIT	801.50-829.50
Holland	2.9835-2.9839	NPF	2.0005-2.0010
Switzerland	3.7705-3.7805	SPTF	1.6925-1.6935
Denmark	3.6905-3.7005	YEN	165.45-165.57
Sweden	3.6700-3.7100	AUS. MCH	197.45-197.85
Norway	10.1250-10.13	Unconvertible	
Finland	18.5275-18.5275	Unconvertible	
Spain	31.30-31.10	NKR	5.0030-5.0050
Portugal	93.30-93.10	PKR	4.4010-4.4020
Japan	136.55-136.65	SGD	1.40-1.40.15
Israel	26.45-26.40	INR	1.40-1.40.15
		MEXNO	22.60-22.70

N.Y. DOLLAR CROSS RATES	
January 18	
Goldster.....	1.9964
Belgian Franc.....	29.1700
Deutschmark.....	1.8513
Hong Kong Dollar.....	4.7438
French Franc.....	4.2506
Italian Lira.....	838.3800
Japanese Yen.....	187.4600
Swiss Franc.....	1.4912

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strongly into the Vantage's sedan, aided by a forecast from a leading New York banker that interest rates will rise to 12 to 14% within a year, but just as he took to his peak.

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	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 14	Jan. 11	Jan. 10	Jan. 09	Year avg
Government Secs .....	67.92	67.87	68.89	68.00	68.17	68.49	77.48
Fixed Interest .....	78.09	78.07	78.33	78.31	78.32	78.40	88.71
Industrial Ordinary .....	48.15	48.28	47.64	47.75	47.86	48.22	47.42
Industrial Preferred .....	58.88	58.88	58.88	58.88	58.88	58.88	58.88
Gold Mining (10¢-25¢) .....	97.6	95.5	95.2	96.5	96.0	96.1	114.6
Gold Mining (25¢-50¢) .....	95.8	95.8	95.8	95.8	95.8	95.8	114.6
Earnings 1/2¢ (10¢-25¢) .....	15.80	15.73	15.90	15.90	15.86	15.78	15.24
P/E Ratio (10¢-25¢) .....	8.22	8.26	8.14	8.17	8.19	8.25	8.22
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BASIC MATERIALS		Today's Closing	Today's Closing
			per tonne
February .....	129.70		129.50
April .....	129.70		129.70
June .....	129.80		129.80
August .....	128.90		124.80
October .....	128.50		124.80
December .....	125.50		125.00
February .....	126.50		121.50

January 16 Lunchtime Prices

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
COCOA		

T 70 per tonne		T 82		WOOL	
March	1814	1810	1869	Australian Greasy Wool	
May	1870	1869		Pence per kilo	
July	1892	1849		July	—
September	1918	1917		August	—
December	1945	1940		October	—
March	1960	1952		December	—
May	1965	1960		March	—
				July	—
				October	—
ARABICA COFFEE					
\$ per 50 Kilos					
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October	UNQ	UNQ			
December	UNQ	UNQ			
March	UNQ	UNQ			
May	UNQ	UNQ			

Aluminum	1.50	1.50
Asphalt	1.50	1.50
Cement	1.50	1.50
Limestone	1.50	1.50
Oil	1.50	1.50
Robusta Coffee	1.50	1.50
Soybeans	1.50	1.50
Wheat	1.50	1.50
Yarn	1.50	1.50
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GRAINS		COPPER	
Wheat Yesterday's Closing	Barley Yesterday's Closing		£ per tonne
£ per long ton			
March .....	90.95	Wheat .....	820.50
April .....	90.25	Three months .....	831.50
May .....	91.85	Six months .....	846.00
September .....	95.70	Settlement .....	831.50
November .....	93.85	Cash .....	814.50
		Three months .....	833.50
		Settlement .....	815.00

RUBBER		LEAD	
	£ per cent		£ per tonne
January .....	55.50		
March .....	56.25		
July .....	56.75		
September .....	57.25		

April-June	57.75	57.25	Cash	564.50	515.00
July-September	59.40	59.30	Three months	614.00	475.00
October-December	61.45	61.40	Settlement	515.00	—
January-March	63.60	63.50			
April-June	65.80	65.70			
July-September	67.95	67.90			
October-December	70.05	70.00			

LAW SUGAR		SILVER	
			Per tray ounce
Sugar Priv.		Cash	303.30
Current Cash		Three months	311.40
	\$ per long ton	Settlement	303.30
March	102.40		
May	104.60		

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	\$ per long ton
March	102.40
May	104.60

October	111.25	111.10	Standard				
November	114.00	113.60	Cash	6830	6835		
December	118.90	118.55	Three months	6735	6745		
January	121.25	120.50	Settlement	6855			
			High Grade				
			Cash	6860	6860		
			Three months	6770	6790		
			Settlement	6890			

<b>WHITE SUGAR</b>		¢ per long ton					
October	95.75	95.80	Standard				
November	96.90	96.50	Cash				
December	105.55	105.50	Three months				
January	111.50	111.25	Settlement				
February	118.00	117.25					
March	124.50	123.00					

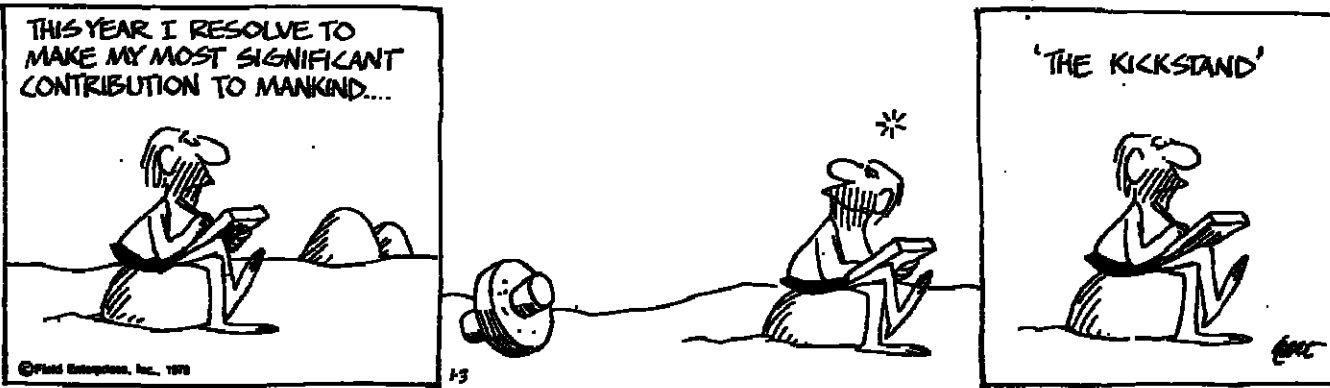
  

<b>ZINC</b>		¢ per tonne					
October	361.50	361.50	Cash	361.50	361.50		
November	373.25	373.25	Three months	373.25	373.25		

april .....	130.00	127.00	Settlement .....	361.00	—	
<b>REST RATES</b>						
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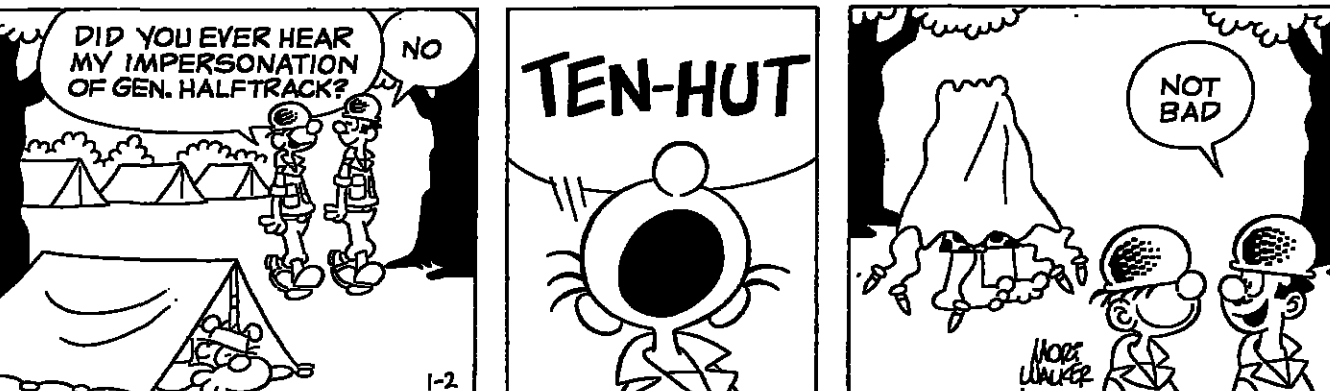
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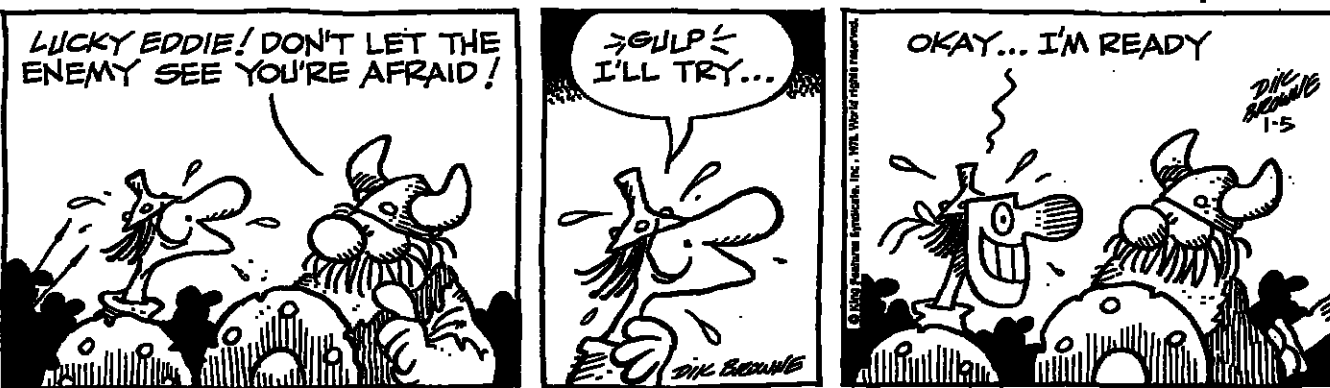
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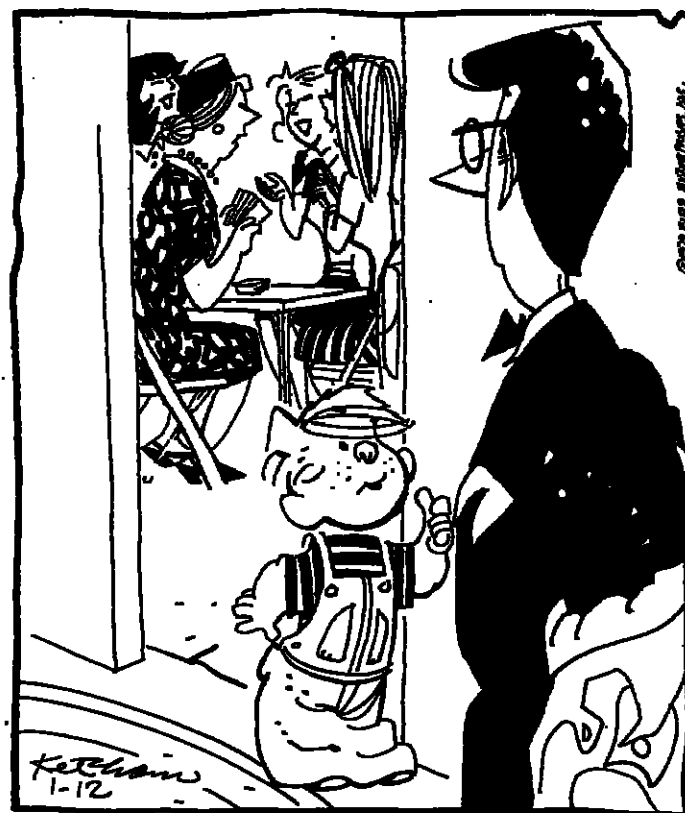
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## Dennis the Menace



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1. In the bed

2. Spanish province

3. Sausage

4. District of England

5. Olive grove

6. After once more

7. Shoe insert

8. Get mad

9. Goes away

10. In a way

11. Nursery word

12. Ward

13. Grit

14. Russian lake

15. Jean

16. "Thou shalt not"

17. Match

18. Brigantine's way

19. Golf term

20. Surround

21. Face about

22. "Who - my purpose..."

23. Upper hand

24. Jumpers

25. Athletic event

26. Musical piece

27. Girl's name

28. Musical piece

29. Suit

30. Doctrine

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## Widespread fighting

# Cambodian troops strike back hard

BANGKOK, Jan. 17 (AP)—Tough Cambodian troops bypassed by a modern Vietnamese invasion force were striking back hard, with fighting reported Wednesday in widespread areas of Cambodia including two coastal cities and remote areas of the northwest.

Thai and Western analysts closely following the Cambodian war, now in its fourth week, said there were sharp fighting and heavy air strikes in and around the seaport of Kompong Som and at Kampong, another port and provincial capital on the Gulf of Siam.

Vietnamese forces, they said, also had taken the remote town of Samrong in the north-west and were moving closer to the Buddhist cliff temple of Preah Vihear.

The radio of the ousted regime, believed broadcasting from southern China, claimed Wednesday that President Kisev Samphan and Premier Pol Pot were personally directing the campaign.

The broadcast also claimed that fighting was going on around Phnom Penh and said, "although the Vietnamese were able to enter Phnom Penh they are now facing a people's war directed by our revolutionary troops in every corner of Cambodia."

Analysis piecing together the fighting at Kompong Som, Cambodia's only deepwater port, said Cambodian troops drove back into the city earlier this week and Vietnamese ground troops, supported by some of the heaviest air strikes of the war, went in to clear them out.

The latest available reports said Kompong Som, 228 kilometers southwest of Phnom Penh, was "highly contested" and there was fighting inside the city as well as along nearby sections of Highway 4 to Phnom Penh, the American-financed artery once known as "Friendship Highway."

Thai intelligence said Vietnamese troops were moving from the south toward the Thai border and had taken Cheom Ksan in the northern province of Preah Vihear.



**FROZEN IN THEIR TRACKS:** Cars on a Chicago street form a still-life of a traffic jam as winter comes with a vengeance to America's second largest city. The storms have forced O'Hare International Airport to close down briefly and sent temperatures plummeting. Blood and food are being airlifted into the city Wednesday. (See story page five.)

## Report reveals

# Americans got richer in 1978

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Americans' personal income and the output of factories increased sharply in December as the U.S. economy ended 1978 on a strong note, the government said Wednesday.

The average American increased his or her income from wages, dividends or government payments by 1.1 percent last month, the third strong increase in a row.

The public will thus have more money to spend at the start of the year, possibly contributing to continued business and job expansion.

The Commerce Department report said personal income for the year increased by 11.7 percent, although much of the income was consumed by inflation.

On Thursday the government is scheduled to release a report on the economy's fourth quarter which may show economic growth at an annual rate of 5 percent.

That probably would be more than enough to keep the unemployment rate from rising above 6 percent, economists say.

**Deaths feared in Miami chopper crash**  
OPA-LOCKA, Fla. Jan. 17 (AP)—Two helicopters collided over a busy suburban Miami airport Wednesday, stranding the field with bodies and debris. Police said at least four people were killed and there were no known survivors.

"There's all dead people out there," said a dispatcher for Ramble-Edwards Ambulance. "They're lying on the field like rag dolls."

He said eight body bags were requested, but he did not know how many people were dead.

Economic growth was so strong in the last quarter that some economists fear it may stymie the Carter administration's fight against inflation.

In a separate report, the Federal Reserve announced a 0.6 percent December increase in the United States' industrial output.

The 0.6 percent advance was identical to November's increase as large gains occurred in the production of home goods, business and defense equipment, construction and business supplies and durable goods items, such as household appliances.

The government has projected that the economy will expand in the 2-3 percent range during 1979 while avoiding a recession.

**John Wayne's cancer spreads, tests show**  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 (AP)—More cancer has been found in John Wayne, who had this cancerous stomach removed last week, his doctors said Wednesday.

The final pathological report, taken on body tissues after the 94-hour operation on the 71-year-old actor was completed last Friday, showed evidence of cancer in the gastric lymph nodes, said Bernard Strom, administrator of the UCLA Medical Center.

"There is concern, naturally," Strom said. "But he added the finding will not alter the post-operative treatment and said no decision has been made on whether more surgery is necessary."

Strom made the announcement prior to a news conference held by two of Wayne's sons, Michael and Patrick.

Wayne was told about the new finding Tuesday night and he took the news in stride, said Michael. "He's been down this road before. We're hopeful," said his son.

"Doctors had prepared us of this eventually," said Patrick. "It didn't come as a total shock."

In 1964, Wayne had part of his left lung removed after doctors found it to be cancerous.

## Munich orders bulldozing of Hitler's watering hole

MUNICH, Jan. 17 (AP)—The Buengerbräu, Adolf Hitler's favorite Munich beer hall, will be pulled down to make room for a new housing and office building project, the city said Wednesday.

The hall, a sporadic meeting place of rightist minorities in past years, gained notoriety in 1923 when Hitler assembled his brownshirts there before marching on Feldherrnhalle in an abortive putsch.

It again hit the headlines Nov. 9, 1939, when Hitler addressed a Nazi rally commemorating the victims of the putsch, but left earlier than anticipated and escaped a time bomb explosion.



Adolf Hitler

The city said the scheduled office and apartment complex will include a "new Buengerbräu" garden.

## From page one

### Britain

Most of the 100,000 striking truckers are members of the TGWU. Ignoring union advice, they have organized so-called "secondary picketing" to block the movement of goods from docks and firms not directly involved in the dispute.

Wednesday trouble-shooting government committees in the regions reported some strikers were still flouting appeals from Callaghan to ease their picketing.

With train drivers set to begin a one-day national strike Thursday — their second this week — the government was concerned that critical shortages were looming, the source said.

A state of emergency would give the administration power to requisition trucks which could be driven by troops.

Another government statement on the crisis will be made in parliament Thursday.

### Iran

Egyptian and Iranian leaders. (Story on page three)

Reporters were denied access to the hotel, but sources said Sadat and the Shah resumed Wednesday morning the "informal, heart-to-heart" talks they began late Tuesday.

Egyptian officials said the Shah's plans were not certain, and Sadat was leaving it to him to decide the length of his visit.

Egyptian officials said Sadat is aware the Shah's visit is a "very sensitive and delicate affair" and could give rise to criticism both in Iran and some nations of the Third World.

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that settlements in these territories were illegal and an obstacle to peace—had not changed.

On Wednesday the finance committee of the Knesset (parliament) appropriated \$37.7 million for the proposed settlements.

The state-run radio said the money will go to "expansion" of settlements in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights.

In addition, the committee approved some \$3 million for the construction of a highway "that will cut across the Samaria region" of the West Bank, the radio said.

## Peking offers rewards to stimulate inventors

TOKYO, Jan. 17 (AP)—China announced a new policy to reward inventors Wednesday and said cash rewards, previously frowned on as illegal, were necessary to encourage learning.

The official Hsinhua news agency said rewards for new, advanced and practical inventions would range from 1,000 to 10,000 yuan (\$60 to \$6,250) with especially important inventions receiving special prizes.

The official newspaper "People's Daily" said the scarcity of inventions and discoveries in China was one reason why per capita national income lagged behind even most Third World countries.

It said the growth of China's material wealth now depends less on laboring longer and harder, and more on advances in science and technology.

The paper's editorial, broadcast in part by Hsinhua, said, "rewarding those whose inventions benefit the people is, in the last analysis, in the interests

of all the working people."

The paper also said, "We must base our policy on reality...We should let some areas, enterprises and working people get more pay and improved living standards first as a result of their own greater efforts, achievements and contributions to society."

"This is the only way to encourage others to learn from them and thus bring about a steady development in the national economy and improved livelihood for the people of the whole country," the paper said.

Hsinhua said foreigners also may apply for rewards for inventions submitted to Chinese authorities. It said all inventions will belong to the state and any unit in China may use them as needed.

Under the radical leaders who formerly held predominant influence, ideological purity was put above all else, and enthusiasm for socialism was supposed to be enough to bring forth all-out efforts from all Chinese without any special rewards.

## 'Would be doomed'

# Callaghan shelves Rhodesian talks plan

LONDON, Jan. 17 (UPI)—Prime Minister Callaghan said Wednesday he has abandoned plans to convene a "Camp David" style all-party peace conference for Rhodesia in the near future, because it would only end in failure.

He said even though all the Rhodesian parties have said they would attend, their positions are still so far apart that there would be no hope of agreement.

"Such a conference would end in failure and would inhibit any new attempt to promote a settlement for several months at least," Callaghan said in a statement to parliament.

He made this announcement following publication of a report to him by Cledwyn Hughes, a former Labor government minister he sent to southern Africa shortly before Christmas on a last ditch mission to size up prospects for a conference.

Hughes was accompanied throughout by Stephen Low, United States ambassador to Zambia.



The prime minister

Callaghan said at the time that the conference could be held in Britain early this year and that he himself would be willing to act as chairman.

But Hughes said in his report there is no basis for convening such a conference at the moment.

Callaghan said he accepted this advice and discussed it with President Carter at the recent Guadeloupe summit.

"We reaffirmed our commitment to do all in our power to promote a negotiated settlement," Callaghan said. "We were in full agreement that the Anglo-American proposals (for peaceful transfer of power to a black majority regime) remain the best basis for a peaceful solution."

In his report to Callaghan Hughes said "after the most careful consideration I cannot advise you that a sufficient basis exists at the present time to justify you convening an all-party meeting."

He said all the parties in the conflict would probably attend but that "there is no reasonable chance such a meeting would succeed."

"All the parties would come to a conference now with profound reservations," Hughes said. "Each side in the war is convinced that it can reach its goal—or at least not lose—by continuing to follow its own present policies."

He said Patriotic Front leaders Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe would attend

believing they could achieve their aims by war while the transitional government in Salisbury would attend believing it would lose nothing by offering a place to the Patriotic Front within the present "internal settlement."

"The chief motive of each side in the negotiation will, I am afraid, not be to seek an understanding but rather to demonstrate that the other is unreasonable and intransigent," Hughes said. "This is a prescription for breakdown, subsequent intensification of the war and intensified Communist involvement."

But Hughes added "I strongly recommend that we should nevertheless continue to do everything we can to work for a negotiated solution and we should be ready to act (rapidly if necessary) to bring the parties together as soon as an opportunity presents itself to do so with some hope of a successful outcome."

Hughes added that Low "fully supports these conclusions."

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